Heath chances Petrol to cost at least 10p a gallon more as price control is abolished of staying on look good

Conservatives' new procedure for electing r party leader each session was published erday, but, with no substantial challenger in t. Mr Heath's chances of confirming his tion look good, our Political Editor writes. ly Tory backbenchers are saying privately the leadership dispute is inflicting unnecesdamage on Mr Heath and the party.

New procedure but no challenger

wid Wood

the oew procedure for the m of a Conservative leader to hand yesterday (details, 4), the parliemeotary rack ile were still at their wits' o oame e plausible candi-to rballenge Mr Heath. ir favourod standard-Mr Edwerd du Cann, oan of the 1922 Commit-Mashed bopes by publicly het bo could not have of the election io the ballot god theo stand io

ballots. the BBC television prooe Newsday, he told Mr Day that he could ont at any point. He was not lidate and did not propose

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has the feeliogs of lovalty on through most of the w Cabinet, and as perty nan he is Mr Heath's see. It would be anomaor Mr Whitelaw to run so epted stewardship for the says be will take up any

Keith Joseph, the most sken internal critic within nadow Cabinet of the Conive Goveromeot's failings errors between 1970-74, rages any hope that he

servative backbench are becoming more rate and fanciful in the ssing of possible candida-The latest exploration of each opinion lovolves Mr Foreign Secretary in the

Wood, who lost both legs he Western Desert, bas pas served with distinction overseas minister. He was named as e possible candilast week by e very few beothers seeking a Baldin figure, but scarcely any ort has rallied to bim.

r the nime being, with no antial challenger, Mr h's chances look good; and backhenchers admit pri-y that the whole leadership te is unnecessarily demegboth the party and Mr

Newsday last oight Mr du i said the oew election pro-re, drafted by Sir Alec-glas-Home's committee of was oot biased against Mr

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did admit, however, that a
ge of wording allowing for
"confirmation" of the
y elected leader at a meetattended by peers, parliatary candidates, end memof the avecutive committee of the executive committee he National Union would the oon-parliamentary s, in alliance with some benchers, to reject the 1922 mittee's nominee in or out overnment. He thought that

unlikely.
r du Cann confessed that
would be surprised if the
mittee's proposals stirred up h controversy.

Political Correspondent es: Conservative MPs study the new scheme considered the revised rules for the ballot did not favour Mr th's chances of quick re-

tat view was the opposite of expressed by Sir Alec glas-Home, whose commit-had drafted the new scheme electing the leeder each ion when in opposition.

"We have changed the rules", be said, "to put the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of members of the party in the Commons to try m get e docisive result in the first ballot'

But the vital change, according to most hackbenchers, will be an invitation to MPs to abstain in the first ballot and leave the way clear for new candidates to present themselves

for the secood vote.
Under the old procedure, tho leeder was elected if one can-didate received an overall majority and 15 per cent more

of the votes cast than any other cendidate. "The votes cast" was the key phraso.

Under new rules the leader would be elected if "one candidate both receives an overall majority of the votes of those entitled to vote "—which means the 276 Conservative MPs. the 276 Conservative MPs-"and receives 15 per cent more of the votes of those estitled to vote than any other candidate".

The important phrase here is "of those entitled to vote".

There might well be deliber ate abstentions to show the lack of aupport for either Mr Heath who intends to stand, and Mrs. Thatcher, the only other con tender so far to declare herself in order to see whether more fevoured candidates could be encouraged to stand in the second ballot.

MPs who support Mr Heath were saying yesterday that they would seek to change the rules

to ensure that all prospective candidates stand in the first ballot. That would obviously help Mr Heath to survive as leader and make the election comprehensible to the public.

They argue that the compli-

cated procedure preserved in the new scheme is really half way between complete democracy and the old elicit system of leaving the choice to a "magic circle" within the

The rules for the second bal-lot state that both the original candidates in the indecisive first ballot and "any other candidates" could stand.

The new rules lay down the procedure for the views of all sections, including the Conservative peers and Conservatives in constitueocies not repre-sected by Tories in Parliament, to be cooveyed to the 1922 Com-mittee before the election.

Members of the 1922 Committee will be expected in take those views into account, but those views into account, but the electoral college remains the body of Conservative MPs. For the first time the composition of the confirming body is set out. The candidate elected by the party in the House will be presented "for confirmation" to a party meeting of MPs, Conservative peers, adopted candidates. and mem. adopted candidates, and mem-

adopted candidates, and members of the executive committee of the National Umon not included in those categories.

To win at the first hallot e candidate will naed at least 139 votes and a lead of at least 42 over the nearest rival.

Sir Alac said: "This report is made to the leader, Mr Heath, and he will donbtless take his soundings among MPs and in rhe party organization before coming to a final decision whather to adopt these suggestions or oot. . . .

"There was no machinery for the reelection of the leader. We say that there should be an election not earlier than throe months, and not later than six months after election "

By Edward Townsend Business News Staff

The price of four-star petrol is likely to soar on Friday to 74p a gallon in some areas and may go up by enother 2p a gallon before Christmas.

A prediction to that effect was made yesterday by the Petro-leum Retailers' Association after the announcement by Mr Varley, Secretary of Stara for Energy, of a record increase in petral prices and the abolition of maxi-

mum retail price control.

The Price Commission bas allowed eight oil companies to anowed eight oil companies to increase prices from Friday, which would add about 7p a gallon and 25 per cent value-added tax to petrol, but Mr Varley said he had made it clear to the garage trade that he did not expect pump prices to in-

crease by more than 10p. He hinted that price controls might be imposed if they did.

Reimposition might lead to a clash between the Government and retailers who, in campaigning for the abolition of price controls, have maintained that the erosion of their profit margins has forced hnodreds of filling stations to close.

Small filling stations particular

Small filling stations, particularly thosa in rural areas faced with paying high surcharges on comparatively small fuel de-liveries, may increase prices by an extra 1p or 2p a gallon on top of Mr Varley's 10p "limit".

Mr Geoffrey Atkinson, general secretary of the Petroleum Retailers' Association, described the 10p limit as ebsolute nonsense. Mr Varley had removed restrictions with one hand but

EEC COMPARISON Tha following prices are charged for four-star petrol in the EEC:

West Germany Irish Republic

was brandishing the threat m return them with the other, he said. The extra 1p that garages had been given indirectly as their margin was not enough, and 74p a gallon on Friday was

However, big garages in urban areas may well limit tha increase to about 9p a gallon, and the price in London and in

places close to rofineries is expected to be 72½p a gallon.

The increases do nnr taka into account the 4 per cent price rise announced by the big oil exporters at the weekend, and if the Government confinues to load increases on m petrol the four-star price might go up by a further 2p.

The Price Commission polo-

go up by a further 2p.

The Price Commission poloted out yesterday that garages still had m observe the requirements of the price code and could not earn profits in excess of their reference levels. The commission is studying the fuel distribution margins and is ex-pected to report in February. Mr Varley's statement, given

in a Commona written reply, said the oil companies needed increases because of the higher cost of crude oil. He recognized

margins was warranted now that nil products were plenti-ful and there was widespread competition.

He announced that price control on Derv would also end on Friday and the cost of paraffin would rise by 3p a gallon but still he subject to Later the Price Commission

disclosed that it had cut all the increases sought hy the oil companies. Gulf Oil, which had wanted a 39 per cent increase, had its application reduced by 7.54 per cent; Texaco's proposed 33.9 per cent rise was cut by 0.13 per cent; and thera were varying cuts oo applica-tions from BP, Burmah-Castrol, Esso, Mobil, Sbell and Total. The oil companies' last in-

By Staff Reporters

Three bombs exploded in London last night, killing one men and injuring several people,

One of the explosions occurred in New Compton Street, near the Philips huilding on the fringe of Soho. It was

caused by a car bomb at the back of a Post Office administrativa

block in Shaftesbury Avenue, It ripped the car apart and lifted it several feet into the air, the

wreckage landing on another car

parked near by.
The ABC cinema in Shaftes-

bury Avenue was cleared, Charing Cross Road was clused to traffic and police issued loud-

hailer warnings to pedestrians

The fatal explosion was outside the Museum telephone exchange in Cheoies Street, off

Tottenham Court Road. It was

thought to have been caused by a parcel bomb.

The dead man bad been working inside the building. Two other people were injured,

ooe seriously. The blast shat-

tered windows and glass littered

One of the injured meo was taken to the Middlesex Hos-

pital. The other had only minor

cuts and shock.

The bomb exploded at 9.35,

eccording to Miss Kareo d'Groot, journalist living in Tottenbam Street. She said:

to leave the area

including three policemen.

Man killed as three

bombs explode

in London streets

crease was 10 months ago, when the price went no by 8p m 50p a gallon. In April, VAT was im-posed nn petrol, first ar 10 per cent and then rising to 25 per cent last mooth.

cent last mooth.

Shell Mex and BP, Esso and Mobil said yesterday their wholesales prices would go up from midnight last night by 7.35p, exclusive of VAT. Home hearing would also cost more. Shell said paraffiin would go up 2.08p a gallon and gas oil by 2.75p. Esso is increasing paraffiin by 1p and ges oil by 2p, and Mobil besting oils will go up by 1.5p.

go up by 1.5p.
Increases on Derv are also being varied. Shell is adding 2.08p a gallon to retailers, Mobil 1.75p and Esso 2p.

"I beard a loud bang which aounded like a clep of thunder but I knew immediately what

and sew an old man with blood

A telephone exchange in Dray-cott Avenue, Chelsea, was affec-ted at about 9.15 pm. A bonib,

on e motor cycle outside the exchange, sbattered clost of the windows of the building but none of the fifty people working there was thought to have been

injured. Police had received a

warning and were eble to evacu-

ate the area but three policomen were injured as the homb went

on his face walking away."

"I looked out of the window

Motorists hearing brunt

Mr Wilson denies Stonehouse spying

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Mr Wilson said in a Commons statement yesterday that there was no truth in reports that Mr John Stonehouse, who disappeared in Miami four weeks ago, was spying either for the Czechoslovak intelligence service or for the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

Nor was there any proof that the missing MP was being kept ander investigation or surveil-

nner investigation of surveil-lance by the security service at the time of his disappearance. Taking the unusual course of making a statement on news-paper reports about intelligence activities, Mr Wilson said that the allegations were first made a Czechoslovak defector in 1969 when Mr Stonehouse was a member of the Labour Government. With the Prime Minister's approval they were fully investigated at the time, and both the defector and Mr Stone house were interviewed by the security service. After those investigations the

security service advised him that there was no evidence to support the allegations. He had been advised again yesterdey that no more evidence had come

to light since 1969.
"One bas always to face the possibility", Mr Wilson said, that when defectors come out of the country where they heve been and find their capital diminished—their intellectual capital, of course—they try to revive their memories on matters." It should be obvious to all that had there been a scintilla of evidence Mr Stone house would not have remained a member of the Government. He bad given all possible help From the Opposition front hench Mr Heath asked for an assurance that the present case would not be taken as a precedent that when allegations of a security kind were made in the press a statement had immedi-

ately to be made in the House.

The Prime Minister replied that it was a difficult matter, but there had been a serious press campaign based on stories going back to 1969, when he was responsible for soch mat-ters. They bad been fully investigated at the time and there was nothing in them. It bad been proved that Mr Stone-house was not a Czecboslovak spy and also that he was not a security risk. Mr Wilson said it did not follow from this case did not follow from this case that be would common on all future allegations of that nature.

Labour MPs urged that Mr Stonebonse's family should be released from the "distressing pressures" caused by the rumours and innneodos. Mr Wilson agreed that that was causing great distress to them.

causing great distress to them. He urged that the press should act with reticence.
Parliamentary report, page 12

Wilson-Brezhnev talks planned



Miss Ballantine with her father after arriving at Heathrow airport last night.

Freed British girl arrives home

By Tim Jones

Miss Susan Ballantine, the Cheltenham student who was jailed in East Germany for five years in September for trying to smuggle her boyfriend to the West, was released yesterday after serving "six months 16 days and 14 hours in prison".

Miss Balantine, who is 23, hugged her father, Mr Cecil Ballantine, after she had arrived at Heathrow airport, London, and said: "This was the hest Christmas present I could have had. I bave no complaints about my treatment. I was actions. treated a lot better than other prisoners."

But she was not prepared to answer questions about her boyfriend, Herr Volker Benes, a trainer for an East Berlin football team, or about her prison conditions. Her father, prison conditions. Her father, "It feels absolutely incred- her English Bible was taken a college lecturer, said any ihle to be back. I can't believe eway.

answers to those questions of the six months won I exist that may still be continuing."

Miss Ballantine, who was convicted of being involved with a professional Western organization as well as aiding and when he heard the news, said: victed of being involved with a professional Western organization as well as aiding and abering illegal border crossings, described her ordeal as "six months of sheer boredom". She added: "I think I was well treated because I kicked up a fuss."

For the first five months she had been dressed in a track suit and then issued with a "schoolgirl " type uniform. She would not comment when asked whether she regretted her

She had no indication that she was going to be released until yesterday morning. "I was taken before the public prosecutor and told I was being released after the State Council had issued an act of clemency. I just said: 'Thank you' in German.

those questions it. The six months won't exist

"This is our Christmas present.
We were expecting to drink to
absect friends, but now it won't
be necessary. We shall have a
wonderful family Christmas. Miss . Ballantice's

brought a storm of protest in Britain and Mr Wilson inter vened personally with an appeal for clemeocy to his East German counterpart, Herr Horst Sindermann.

The move was totally unex-pected. Last month Mispected. Last month Miss Ballantine bad been moved to a top security prison near the Czechoslovakia border end certain privileges were denied ber. She was not allowed English newspapers, magazioes or newspapers, magazines or books, and communication with ber family was restricted. Even

Australia gain 2-0 lead
Australia beat Eogland by nice wickers with

more than a day m spare in the second Test match at Perth yesterday. Australia onw lead 2-0 in the six-match series. Thomson, the Australian fast bowler, dismissed Greig, Denness and Fletcher in his first three overs.

Titmus with 61 was England's top scorer

constitution. A vote is expected today

tion with health department

for round-table talks

Greek presidency move

The Greek Government yesterday proposed to

judge, should be appointed as interim President. His powers would he largely ceremonial and be would act as head of state for threa or four mouths whila Parliament works out a new

British Library: Lord Eccles, in his first annual report, reaffirms his conviction that the new building should be opposite the Ecidish

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Israel's papers advertise anti-Zionists'

From Our Own Correspondent Jerusalem, Dec 17

Dioers in Daphoe's restaurant near by were shaken by the blast and a large chandeliar hanging over the entraoce lobby crashed to the floor. No ooe was burt.

A warning was telephoned to the Daily Mirror hy e woman with an Irish accent. She said:
"A homb is in the relephone exchange in Dreycott Avenue and will go off any time."

Mr Sean Gough, a local resideot, was making a telephone call in a kinsk a few hundrod yards from the exchange when the explosion occurred. By coincidence be was speaking to a friend in Shafteshury Avenue who had just beard the first Sobo explosion.

French MPs

Israel's newspapers accept worse than that published by The Times last week, the Jerusalem evening oewspaper Yediot Aharanot said yesterday. It said in a leading article: "It is of course good thet The Times retreated. Because if it had turned its attention to Israeli newspapers, which pub-lish advertisements which are far more extremely anti-Zionist and anti-Israel than the one pubagree to tunnel Paris, Dec 17.—The National Assembly bas authorized the French Government to ratify

the Chaooel tunoel treaty with Britain. It did not take account of the British request M Henri Cavaille, the Transporr Secretary, said, bowever:
"The Frenchi Government is proposing to postpone by a few tioo, because the British Parliament has not yet studied the Bill permitting ratification."-

Overseas selling prices



ritain to deport arrested Palestinian tudent today for security reasons

a Staff Reporter

ir Hani Bebaa, a Palestinien dent, was arrested in Ketter-Northamptonshire, earlier week eod is m be deported ay on the ground that his sence in the United Kingnis nnr conducive to the olic good.

the Home Office refused to ulge details. Mr Bahaa has an io Britain for three years, of for the properties has been d for the past year has been dying at Kettering Technical llege. Students from the colse yesterday banded in at 10 iwmog Street a protest ainst his departation. There is no obligation on the me Office to delay Mr ibaa's deportation because tional security is involved.

Mr James McKinlay, the colge principal, said he bad
okeo to Mr Babaa yesterday,
dd that the latter did not plan

cases of Palestinians being refused entry or reentry to Britain, but the power m deport under the 1971 Immigration Act is rarely used. The National Council for Civil Liberties said vesterday that Liberties said yesterday that ir could not recall a recent case of such doportation on security

grounds.

Mr Babaa was fined in a London magistrate'a court in June for haviog a shotgun. Mr McKinlay said that Mr Babaa, who is being held in custody in Northampton, although local in the said to confirm that. police refused to confirm that, assumed that the court case reason for his

deportation. The charge, bowever, appeared to have been largely technical. The Home Office said that no recommendation for deportution bad been made at the time and it mouths had at the time, and six months bad passed before the Home Secresigned to bis expulsion. tary signed the deportation there bave been several order. make reprsentations, being

Whitehall sources indicated that the ground for such a deportation would have to be

Our Diplomatic staff write: Mr Babaa, is not being deported under the new anti-terrorist legislation, but undar an earlier

Mr Babaa, who comes from Tulkarm in the West Bank, holds e Jordanian passport. But ir is understood thar bo has asked to be sent to Saudi Arabia rather than Jordan. The position of Palestinians

from the West Bank is unclear since the Rabat summit meeting ar which King Husain of Jordan withdrew his claims to the West Bank in favour of the Palestine Liberation Organization. At least one Palestinian from the West Bank living in Britain has been refused an extension of his Jordenian passport since the Rabat decision.

UN resolution on Namibia urges S African pull-out

The Security Council yesterday adopted a strongly worded resalution urging South Africa to withdraw from Namibia. It condemned the illegal South African occupation of the territory, and set out a series of measures with which South Africa must comply. In the event of con-compliance, the Council will consider "appro-

British opinion swings towards Community

The British people are developing warmer feelings towards the European Community, according to an opinion poll published by the European Commission in Brussels yesterday. The poll also shows that in most other EEC countries fow people care very much whether Britain stays a member or withdraws Page S

'Shadow' jury tougher

An experiment in which "shadow" juries in courts disagreed with sworn jurors' verdict in seven cases out of 28 is reported today by the Oxford Penal Research Unit. On the whole, shadow juries were more inclined to "con-vict". They "aquitted" only two defendants actually convicted by a jury Page 4

'No EEC threat' to oil

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday dismissed the idea that Britain's membership of the EEC poses a threat to its control of North Sea oil reserves. At the first meeting of the Energy Ministers of the Nine in Brussels yesterday no one challenged Mr Varley's claim to sovereignty over these resources Page S

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HOME NEWS____ Lord Eccles adamant on new site for the British Library

Planning Reporter

Lord Eccles, chairman of the British Library Board, yester-day reaffirmed his conviction that the new library building should be in Bloomsbury, opposite the British Museum. He said, however, that if the Government offered ernment offered another site the board would obviously have to consider it "despite the damage that might be done to books by carting them up to somewhere in north London"

The reference to north London is bound to raise some eyebrows, since the principal alternative site proposed is the disused Somers Town railway goods yard next to St Pancras station. Camden council, with strong support from the Greater London Council, has vigorously opposed the destruction of the buildings on the Bloomshury site and has argued the environmental advantages of using the derelict railway laod fronting Russon Road

Euston Road. Lord Eccles, who was presenting the first annual report since the board's inception last year, has championed the Bloomsbury nas championed the Bloomsbury site since he was minister responsible for the arts. Plans were drawn up by Mr Colin St John Wilson, the architect, in June last year; the Conservative Government supported the proposals and an interdepartmental steering committee was mental steering committee was set up to examine the financial and environmental aspects.

with the change in government, however, the dispute has assumed political overtones. Last month, replying to Mrs Lena Jeger, MP for Holborn and St Pancras, South, Mr Crosland Secretary of State for the Environment, said be was. not yet io a position to add to previous statements; but be is believed to favour Camden's

More urged for

A warning that a wage and salary freeze is highly likely in the new year was made last night by Mr Norman St John-

Stevas, Opposition spokesman on education. He was speaking at Chelmsford, in his constituency,

a few days before publication of

the Houghton report into

He said the Government

should implement the Houghton

recommendations as quickly as it implemented the 30 per cent increases in nurses pay awarded

hy the Halshury committee in September. Teachers would bave to negotiate further increases within the Burnham committee to take account of

cost of living rises since May 24, the date of Lord Houghton's

The Greater London Council

voted last night to make urgent

representations to the Govern-

ment over its land acquisition

proposals which are due for

legislation in the new year. It is concerned that the Govern-

before freeze

teachers

By Our Education

Correspondent

eachers' pay.

pies part of more than fifty acres of almost totally derelict land badly in need of redevelopment. Camden council recently bought 11 acres for bousing but the rest is still owned by British Rail and the National Freight Corporation.

Last week the corporation announced a scheme for office buildings on the Somers Town site, to provide a new beadquarters and printing works for News International, pub-lishers of The News of the World and The Sun.

The latest estimated cost for the library is about £130m. Opponents of the Bloomsbury site say ir would be cheaper to build elsewhere but Lord Eccles said yesterday that that still had to be convincingly demonstrated.

Our Arts Reporter writes: Lord Eccles said that the board's budget in its first full year was £12m, to offset which it expected m earn £1m in payment for services. The board bad taken over the Office for Sciamific and Technical In-formation, which formed the core of the research and development department; no other library in the world, save the Library of Congress, had such a powerful unit devoted to library and information

Referring to the integration of all the divisions that made up the British Library. Lord Eccles said that for the first time the four national collections of many millions of volumes had been brought together. *Progress, like knowledge itself, is indivisible, and we should shape our institutions that they counter that they so that they counter that frag-mentation of society for which technology is so largely res-ponsible", be said.

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent

A report by the General Board of Faculties at Cambridge

University bas come ont against

any more mixed colleges for male and female undergradu-

ates. It says that would

endanger moves to get a balanced ratio of arts and

Cambridge bas five co-residential colleges for under-

graduates and this week a sixth, Trinity Hall, announced

that is to admit women students. The five are Clare, Sidney Sussex, Selwyn, King's and Churchill.

The committee headed by Professor Peter Swinnerton Dyer, Master of St Catharine's College, says: "The general board urge that few if any

further colleges should become

given to the Royal Commission on the Press the council wel-

comed increasing coverage given

to Greater London government but complained of an overall

impression mo often given of "piecemeal and superficial

science students.

Cambridge report opposes

more mixed colleges

Rising anger among consultants over delay

By John Roper Medical Reporter

Anger mounted yesterday among hospital consultains at what they see as unnecessary delay and procustings on by the Department of Health and Social Security over negotiations for their new contract. A member of the General Commitmember of the central committee for Hospital Medical Services said they were fed up.

More consultants decided yesterday to "work to contract". Thirty-tive at Burnley decided to join 40 colleagues at Blackburn and 30 at Crewe in their

setion as a protest against de-lay. They work at Burnley General Hospital (720 beds), Victoria Hospital (163 beds), Reedyford Hospital, Nelson (62 beds) and the Hartley Hospital.

As usual, emergency services will not be affected end, the consultants say, no patients will be allowed to suffer unneces-sarily. But operations and ad-missions may be delayed. The Owen working party, charged with considering the

charged with considering the terms for a new contract and arrangements for private practice, was set up last April Junior doctors' threat: Representatives of Britain's 19,000 junior hospital doctors, meeting in Glasgow yesterday, threatened a work-to-rule followed by mass residuesions from the tha Government agreed to ratify a 40-hour basic week by July 1 (the Press Association reports) Dr. Ian Thompson, secretary of the British Medical Association's hospital junior staff group council, said the doctors had agreed orally upon the 40-hour contract with health service negotiators last September. But when the minutes of the meeting had arrived at the council tha agreement memioned only a "forward date"

The report, published yester-

day, estimates that 53 per cent of men and 67 per cent of women read aris subjects.

The report recommends that the

ratio should be fifty-fifty within

The committee also recommends that the proportion of postgraduates should be increased from 22.5 per cent to 25 per cent it does not feel that the university should

that the university should expand in the short term beyond

the present number of 11,400

Chief officer going: Haringey council said last night that Mr

Brian Cooper, aged 52, would retire as chief executive after differences of view (the Press

Association reports). He will start three months' leave of ab-

sence on January 1 and be

retained as a consultant on a diminishing basis over three



Looking south along part of the M23 at Merstham, Surrey, which opens for traffic tomorrow.

group seeks official taxes on the long-term interests of both the colleges and the university that the move towards co-residence should progress in an recognition r "If the arts/science ratio went up to 58 per cent arts, i such an imbalance would present grave problems to the university."

By Our Political Staff. The Manifesto group of Labour backbenchers, which bas been formed by moderates in the party to provide a counterweight to the influence of the left-wing Tribine group within the Parliamentary
Labour Party, last night
decided to ask Mr Mellish, the
chief whip, for official recugni-

A meeting of 76 Labour MPs, including several former ministers and some parliamentary private secretaries to pre sent ministers, elected following as their officers: Chairman: Dr Maboa (Greeneck and Port Glasgow), Vie-chairmen: Mr Urwin (Houghtin-ie-Spring), Mr Michael Stewart (Mammersanth, Pul, Jam); Rud Mr. Wellbeloved (Beriew, Erith and Cruyford). Secretary; Mr Horam (Gateshead, West).

Members of the steering

GLC to consult Government on land plans Committee are:

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lead with 4th-round draw

By winning his unfinished game against W. R. Harrston from the third round and then drawing with another dangerous rival, M. F. Stean, in the fourth round, G. S. Botterill maintained his leading position in the British Chess Championship play-off tournament yesterday.

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A. J. Mestel, I's and one adjourned out of four; M. J. Hayparth and M. F. Shan. 1's out of three; R. Beilin, one adjourned out of the adjourned out of three; A. H. Williams, one and one edjourned out of three; A. H. Williams, one and one edjourned out of three; A. H. Williams, one and one edjourned out of three. A. H. Williams, one and one edjourned out of three. Round four results: Busan y Botterin; Round four results: Busan y Botterin; Round four results: Results and Company and Company and Company and Company and Company and three; Botterill best Hartston.

New Labour Island plans landing visitors

Isle of Wight County Council decided yesterday to ask the committee of inquiry into local government finance to approve the principle of a landing tax on people visiting the island. It would be introduced, it was suggested, only if more money was needed as an alternative to a local income fax to relieve the island rates.

It would probably take the form of a differential fare on ferries. How the ferry operators would distinguish between islanders and visitors was not discussed yesterday. Council-lors brushed aside a warning that they would run into opposition from the Government on the ground that such a tax interfered with the free passage of citizens from one part of the United Kingdom to another.

Risks in preparing for Ulster debate

From Stewart Tendler

Belfast Preparations for the Northern Ireland constitutional conven-tion next spring are demanding much fineste from Stormont officials seeking a suitable chairman and procedure acceptable in Ulster's hypersensitive poll-

rical antisphere.
Failure to do so and to prevent the shadow of Whitehalfand Westminster from litoming
too large might disrupt the
debate.

debate.

The name of the chairman will be announced in the new year. No one yer knows if Mr Rees, the Northern Ireland Secretary of State, has found a person of high standing and impartiality from Northern Ireland. Both the White Paper proposing the convention and the discussion paper issued in Belfast last month speak in those terms but the Act establishing the convention is Jess specific.

If there is no acceptable

If there is no acceptable Ulsterman to take the chair-Mr. Rees will have to think carefully before using that potential escape clause. Some Ulster loyalist" politicians would not welcome an Englishman, although a Scot might be intable. smarking of Some parliamentarians feel influence.

From a Staff Reporter

Protestant church leaders who

met senior Provisional IRA) niembers last week waited yes-terday for confirmation that the

movement's army council bad met to decide on the church-

men's suggestions for calling a

Reports suggest that the council of eight, which includes Mr David O'Connell, the Provisional

chief of staff, met yesterday at

Last week at a clandestina

gathering in Feakle, co Clare, the churchmen left a number of ideas that might provide the basis for the first ceasefire by the Provisional IRA since mid-

ceasefire.

IRA ceasefire decision

awaited by churches

thareas appointment, suggested in some quarters, of a judge would not be suitable because

of the excitable nature of Northern Ireland politics, which lu the ill-fated Assembly pro-duced fist-fights and exchanges of insults. Some of the procedure laid

down for the Assembly caused ill feeling. This time the various parties are being asked to discuss what they want before Mr. Rees sets down the procedure, which the convention once started, can change if ir wishes. The opening sidress presents difficulties. A message from Mr Rees might irritate some loyalists, and one from the Queen might some republicans.

Once the convention is past the difficult opening stages, it is suggested, work might begin with a statement from each party on what it wants to see decided. Thet again, however might cause demonstrations and walk-outs.

Difficulties arise over who will advise the convention mem-bers. It has been auggested that the political parties could have their own advisers, paid for hy the Northern Ireland Office rather than use civil servants smacking of the English

churchmen's ideas have not been disclosed, but may involve some

compromise around the Provi-sional IRA's avowed require-ments for a ceasefire. These are

on undertaking of a British with drawal from Northern Ireland

the withdrawal of troops to their

barracks; the end of intern-ment and release of political

prisoners; and a recognition of the right of Irish people to negotiate their own future.

IRA man jailed: Liam Coyle aged 23, a Provisional IRA offi

cer, said by a judge to be one of the most highly skilled bomb

makers to come before the

courts in Ulster, was jailed for

20 years yesterday (the Press Association reports). Mr Coyle, of Nicholson Square,

citizens By Dur Political Staff

Under new arrangements for lending and embarkation cards at United Kingdom ports, citizens of the Republic of Ireland travel bing to places outside the common travel area (the United Kingdom, the Republic of fre-land, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man) will bave to complete landing and embar kation cards from March 1, 1975. So will citizens of Commonwealth countries. The requirement is to be made by statutory instrument under the Immigration Act, 1971.

Embarking

cards

for Irish

Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, anounced the change of practice in a parliamentary written answer yesterday. The arrange-ments are in addition to the completion of cards by passen-gers travelling between Great Britain and other places to the common travel area, which may be necessary under the Preven-tion of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1974.

The cards will provide a further safeguard against evasion of the 1974 Act and allow more reliable staristics to be kept about the movement of Commonwealth citizens. It is calculated that they will help speedier clearance of passpecial clearance of passengers, because immigration officers will no longer have to ask for the routine information that appears on a completed card range, occupation, date and place of birth, sex, nationality, and full address in the United Kingdom.

But some MPs regard the change are of those consists.

change as one of those erosions of the liberty of the individual that are becoming necessary in the attempt to contain terrorist movements and activities.

Mother dies with children in fire

A woman and har three child-A woman and har three child-ren were found dead last night at their flat la Pasterdale House, off Oldfield Road, Sal-ford, Greater Mancbester. They were apparently overcome by funes from a fire in a plastic armchair.

Salford police said the deaths were discovered by the father on his return from work. The fire had gone out when emerg-ency services arrived.

The ideas were put down on paper to be passed to the Provisional military leaders after some of them bad fled the hotel meeting as Irish policemen Londonderry, was convicted at Belfast City Commission of several explosives charges involving threa incidents.

Mr Heath criticizes Mr Shore over EEC By Our Political Staff Mr Heath, Leader of the

mph. She had elected to

during 1972 and later, to the Mr Shore nor bis statisticians rise in import prices caused by had produced any evidence world commodity prices and that demonstrated that the EEC rise in import prices caused by world commodity prices and depreciation of sterling against the European currences.

Mr Heath, Leader of the Opposition, yesterday wrote to Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, rejecting the minister starguments that mendon the European correncies.

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That explanation, Mr. Heath said the United Kingdom's membership for clearly the influence of our clearly the influence of with all areas both before and own statisticians, were, initially, after the United Kingdom better response of imports to the expension of the home economy. Mr Heath said that neither

bave recognized you, with or without your glasses or your

had made Britain's deficit worse than it would otherwise have been.
"Will you or your depart-

ment therefore now publish any evidence you bave of the harm done by the EEC membership to our trade, and any estimates of the extent of that harm?" Mr Heath wrote. "Unless and until you do so. you should withdraw your

Singer denies six driving offences

Dorothy Squires, the singer, yesterday demed at Lewes Magistrates Court six alleged motoring offences: driving on a restricted road at more than 50 mph, using an uninsured car, using a car without a test certificate, driving without a licence, failing to produce insurance and test certificates and failing to produce a driving

Inspector Ronald Cockerton, for the prosecution, said Miss Squires had driven at between 60 and 64 mpb between Lewes and Brighton last December 23, when there was a speed limit of

Miss Squires, who was not legally represented asked Police Constable Peter Clifford.

the observer in the police car, if be had recognized her while the police car was following hers. He replied that he had seen only a floppy hat and fair Miss Squires said she had

He bad not known who she was until she said when be stopped ber car: "I am Dorothy Squires." Miss Squires said yesterday: "I am not an egomamac. I never use that expression". She asked for an adjournment to enable ber solicitor to never bad a large, floppy bat. be present. The case Sbe asked if PC Clifford would adjourned to January 7.

Dispute costs 1m newspapers have recognized the car as hers. "It has been in the papers

or mph. She nad careful and it has been for the paper produce the necessary documents within five days at Bexley many times.", she said ments within five days at Bexley many times.", she said the answered: "I would hot the answered: "I would hot answered." Three national newspapers lost between them more than a million copies on Monday night because of industrial action by members of the National Graphical Association

over pay.

The Daily Telegraph lost
220,000 copies, the Daily Mail
342,000 and the Daily Express 470,000. The council of the Newspaper Publishers Association, which represents Fleet Street proprietors, met yester-day and is likely to do so again

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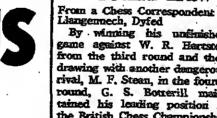
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Talks on pupil indiscipline The Government is to hold

national talks with local authorities and teachers about indiscipline in schools, Mr Ernest Armstrong, Under-Secretary of State for Educa-tion and Science, said in the Commons yesterday. Consultative documents for

discussion were being prepared, be said.

Correction

The name of Mr Ray Fletcher, MP for Ilkeston, was wrongly included in the list that appeared in later editions of The Times yesterday of Labour backbenchers who voted against the Government's defence policy in the Commons on Monday night. It should have been Mr Ted Fletcher, MP for Darlington.

Miners seek pay review at quiet meeting with NCB

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor Miners' leaders yesterday put. the full spectrum of their views to the Netional Coal Board, in-cluding a demand for a "sub-atantial" but unspecified in-

in wages.

Mr Joseph Gormley, moderate president of the National Union of Mineworkers, and Mr Michael McGahey, communist vice-president, spent two hours with Mr Norman Siddall, deputy chair-man of the board, and other top officials arguing for a comprebensive review of wages and conditions in the industry. The

the industry's 270,000 miners. That vote was upheld by Mr Gormley after it had been declared invalid by Mr McGahey while he was temporarily in the cheir because Mr Gormley was ill.

The cautious start to bargain-ing a new wage contract for the miners will be the main subject at a special meeting of tha union executive this morning. Although the powerful group of left wingers is not expected to try to revive its abortive attempt to the the union to a militant claim, it has not dropped out of sight and is board undertook to reply in the likely to reappear as an ambiboard undertook to reply in the likely to reappear as an ambiboard undertook to reply in the likely to reappear as an ambilicent to rank and its
licent to rank and file miners.

Yesterday's unsensational Mr Gormley, after yestermeeting was the ontcome of day's talks, said: "We put our
last week's 14 to 12 vote by
the miners' executive not to have given us some indication pursue a militant pay claim of of theirs. No figures were 230 a week nn basic rates for mentioned."

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun sets: First Quarter : December 21. Lighting up : 4.22 pm to 7.33 am Lighting up: A.72 ym. to 7.53 am High water: London Bridge, 4.14 am, 6.8m 22.4ft); 4.44 pm, 6.8m (22.5ft). Avonmouth, 9.43 am, 11.9m (39.2ft); 9.58pm, 11.5m (37.7ft). Dover, 1.19 am, 6.6m (21.5ft); 1.40 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Hall, 8.50 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 8.40 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Liverpool, 1.39 am, 7.8m (25.5ft); 1.51 pm, 8.2m (26.8ft).

A deepening depression to W of Ireland will move NE and a trough of low pressure will advance from SW across the British Isles, Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: (45°F).

London, SE, central S England: Shetland: Sunny spells, wintry showers; wind W, backing S.

rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

wind W. backing SW, fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

East Anglia, Midlands, E England: Sunny intervals at first; then cloudy with slight rain at times; wind W. backing SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Rather cloudy, rain at times, hill fog patches; wind W. strong, perhaps gale force at times; max temp 12°C (54°F).

N Wales, NW and central N England, Lake District, Isle of N Wales, NW and central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Becoming cloudy with period of rain preceded by snow in places, mostly on hills, hill fog; wind SW to W, strong to gale: max temp 8°C (46°F). NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth; Sunny spells, becoming cloudy later wath rain, preceded by snow in places, mostly over hills; wind W, moderate, backing S, fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

WEATHER REPORT YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud : 1, fair ; r,



Outlook: for tomorrow and Friday: Cloudy with rain in many areas at first, then brighter with showers; snow at times in N, becoming rather cold with night frost.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strain of Dover: Wind NW, gale, slowly decreasing to fresh or strong; sea very rough; decreasing to moderate or rough.

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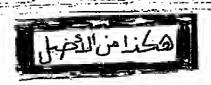
English Channel (E), St Geo.gr s
Channel: Wind NW, strong, decressing to moderate or fresh and
backing SW later; sea rough, decressing to light or moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong or
gale force, slowly decreasing to
moderate or fresh and hacking S
later; sea very rough, becoming
moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm 9°C (48°F); mlo, 6 pm to 6 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 61 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, traca: Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.8 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,003.8 millibars, rising.

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'Shadow' jurors disagreed with one court verdict in four, penal research report says

Home Affairs Correspondent
"Sbadow" juries introduced
into courts disagreed with the real jury in seveo cases out of 28 in ao experimeot. In five cases they were prepared to find the accused person guity, but the real jury found him innocent. In the remoining two, the shadow jurors dis-agreed with the finding of the real ones that the accused was

Tha experiment was conducted by the Oxford Penal Research Uoit. In its report. published today, Mrs Sarah McCabe, senior research officer, and Mr Robert Purves, now a barrister, emphasized that io 21 trials out of 28 real and shadow juries were in substan-

in each of these cases not 10 or 12, but between 20 and 24 men and women came to the same decisioo about the guilt or innocence of the defendent."
- Acquittals were fractionally fewer than convictions where the two juries agreed, hut, on the whole, shadow juries were more inclined to convict than to acquit. The report com-

There may be several reasons for this, but at least one of them must be the feeling of the real jury that the consequences of conviction, regardless of the sentence, ore grave and that to acquit, where acquired is at all nossible is acquittal is at all possible, is

acquittal is at all possible, is better than to convict.
Throughout our shadow jury deliberations there are scattered references to the consequences of conviction. The agreement of real and shadow jury verdicts persuades us that this consideration was equally presant in the minds of the authentic jury.

The shadow jurys were selected.

The shadow jurors were selected from the electoral roll hy the usual system. They heard all the evidence, sitting as the public in the court, then went off to reach conclusions.

The unit says a surprisingly large proportion of people from all classes agreed to give up a day for the experiment. They were paid the normal jury rate. The cases chosen, with the cooperation of the courts, were those likely to take no more than a day. They varied from malicious wounding to larceny, motoring, and drug offences and assault on the police.

Unlike the real jury, the shadow one found innocent a man charged with receiving. His explaoation was that he bought the goods from somebody who had reason to have

obtained them honestly.
Transcripts of the shadow juries' deliberations in that case show how argument swung members round to the belief that the prosecution had not proved its case. Originally seven on the shadow jury thought the man guilty.

The second case in which the shadow jury disagreed with the real one and thought a man innocent was over a hurglary. The transcript discloses e reluc-tance by the sbadow jury to accept police evidence of what a man said when he was first asked to go to the police station.

We're just going nn one man's word against another man's

the's trained to take things, these things, and to remember them.

I don't know, all this talk about his being a policeman. It's a man against a man. You should treat that policeman as you would any

nther wimess.

I don't question the policeman's honesty, just the phrasing; and you're about to condemn a man. by the way, on one sentence which another person wrote down. In another case, involving a woman accused of receiving one They (the police) know that she's guilty, but they just can't pin it on her, and therefore, being as they can't pin it on her, she must be given the benefit of the doubt. That's why I voted not guilty. A second juror replied,

heatedly: This is what you are doing though, supporting a criminal, a known

The report says that usually the shadow juries left the court room with a high level of agreement about their ultimate ver-dicts. There were few cases where more than five members were persuaded to change their

The shadow juries showed determination in looking for evidence upon which convicrions could he based. When it seemed inadequate, they were not prepared to allow their hunch that the defendant was involved in some way in the offence charged to stand in the way of acquittal.

The criminality or otherwise of certain types of hehaviour was a matter for discussion and consideration in the light of all the circumstances of the offence and the defendant's explanation of his part in it. The report adds:

adds:
Prosecutors rely on the court and jury, rather than the CID interview room, not merely for proof of guilt but for the definition of crime which the law itself is inadequate to provide.

Defendants choose jury trial so that their behaviour, their character, and their reputation may be evaluated by their fellow cirizens. For those who make this choice, there is the inevitable hazard of the varying response of inrors, but from the evidence of the shadow jury discussions there was also a strong sense of equity that took over when all the evidence had been considered.

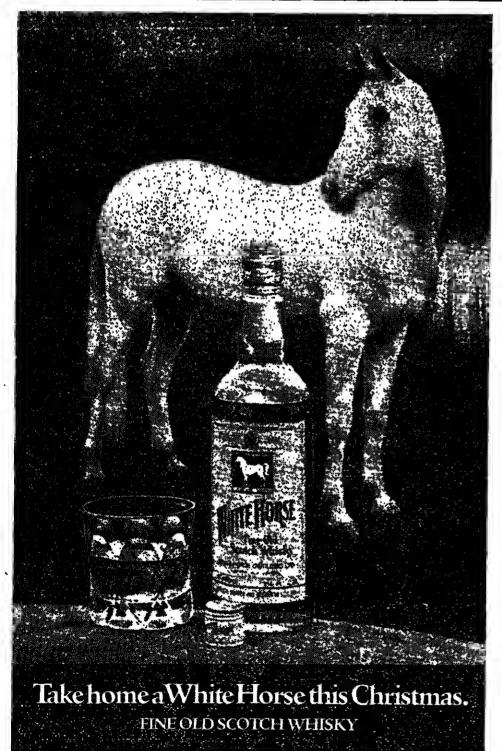
The Shadow Jury at Work, by

The Shadow Jury at Work, by Sarah McCabe and Robert Purves, Oxford Penal Research Unit (Basil Blackwell, Oxford, £1).

Law Society clears Colonel Brooks The Law Society announced vate rather than his professional

yesterday that it is to take no action against Colonel John Erooks, who figured in the recent "bottom-spanking" libel action. He will he allowed to remain a preceding solicitor white the professional purposes committee were nevertheless not unaction. He will he allowed to aware of the adverse and wideremain a practising solicitor.
The society said that its professional purposes committee bad decided that the facts revealed were relevant to his pri-

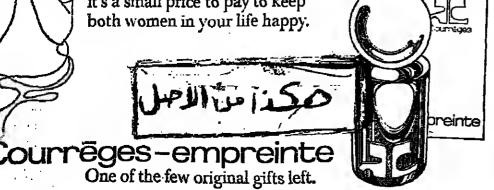
damages in the High Court last month in a libel action against the Sunday People. It had alleged that he lured girls into a "sex trap" on his motor cruiser on the Thames. Colonel Brooks, a former mayor of Ken-sington and Chelsea, denied the allegations and said he spanked Colonel Brooks, of Cheyne allegations and said he spanke
Walk, Chelsea, was awarded to girls only with their consect.



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By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter

Local authority spending on the arts and museums in 1972-1973 amounted to between £14.7m and £15.5m compared with more than £70m on public libraries, more than £300m on social services and about £2,500m on education, an Arts Council survey reports today.

There are few signs of any dramatic increase in local authority spending on the arts this year, although the survey notes the development of civic support.

The average estimated in-crease for 1973-1974 is 16 per cent, including 12 per cent for the Greater Loodon Council and 17 per cent for the five most populated county boroughs.

The 706 authorities who answered the aurvey, about half those questioned, spent the equivalent of 0.11p rate on

grants and countibutions. Other aources had established that those authorities which did not reply spent at least £900,000. But where expenditure by the two groups was able to he compared, the non-respondents had contributed at half the rate or less. It was thus unlikely that they would have spent as a whole more than £450,000, with about £40,000 on direct promo-

Replies to the survey, con-ducted just before reorganization, came mainly from the larger authorities, practically all the main cities, 78 per cent of county boroughs, 74 per cent of county councils and 94 per cent of London boroughs.

The survey notes distortions caused by hiennial or triennial arts festivals, giving a nil return one year but many thousands of pounds the next, and to the fact that for some authorician the rest and to the fact that for some authoricians are survey and to the fact that for some authoricians are survey as the survey and the survey are survey as the survey and the survey are survey as the surve ties the main support goes to the local museum or art gal-

Others give "hidden" sub-sidies by publicizing arts organi-zations, providing officers to act in voluntary capacities and giv-ing rent and rate relief. The new local anthorities

inherited uneven provision for the arts. Many new district councils covered areas with no tradition of public spending on the arts; while a strong civic tradition of support for the arts has developed in other areas, particularly in recent years. The Arts and Museums 1972-73 (Arts Connoil Publications Department, 105 Piccadilly, London, WIV 0AU, £1).



Sir John Cohen, founder of Tesco Stores, joined a pre-Christmas celebration at the Camden High Street store yesterday.

Mr Foot cool over press freedom talks

By Our Parliamentary Staff Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, gave a guarded reception yesterday to the call by the Newspaper Society for an urgent conference on press freedom and the closed

shop. He told MPs in the Commons standing committee conopposition amendment to retain
sidering the Trade Union and in the Bill provisions relating Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill that he would conment) Bill that he would conment from Mr of members from trade unions. ment) his that he would consider the letter from Mr W. M. Young, president of the Newspaper Society, asking him to invite the National Union of Journalists, the Institute of Journalists, the Newspaper Society, Guild of Newspaper Editors and others "concerned about esfeguards for press ahout safeguards for press

freedom" to a conference, But he added: "I doubt very much whether a conference of that character is the right way to deal with these matters. The best place to deal with this question is the House of Commons."
The Newspaper Society initiative had been welcomed by Mr Prior, opposition spokesman on employment, who said that something would have to be

written into the Bill to safe-gnard press freedom. He wel-comed the fact that the committee was to adjourn until January 14, and hoped that Mr Foot would use the recess in find a way round the difficulty. The committee was continuing consideration of an

of members from trade unions.

Mr Foot, winding up the debate, said the question bow to protect people in a closed-shop situation was of great importance. More individuals would be protected by the tribunal which had been devised by anything suggested by

than by anything suggested by the Opposition. He hoped it would be given a fair trial. The editors' difficulty could not he overcome hy law. That was why he was strongly in favour of the NUJ initiative for discussions towards devising discussions towards devising terms that could be put into union membership agreemeots. The Opposition amendment was rejected by 11 votes to

Egypt official's theft

A man caught stealing a pair of trousers from a West End store was director of Egypt's Ministry of Industry, in London to attend a conference on hehalf of his government, the Marlborough Marlborongh Street Magistrate was told yesterday. Fuad Ahmed Sobhy, aged 48. was fined 550 for the £3.99 theft.

In brief

Judith Ward has joined the Price sisters in Durham jail. All are in the women's top security wing converted re-cently from that which formerly held the mail train robhers and other long-term men prisoners. The Price sisters were moved from Brixton prison on Sunday.

Baggage loaders in British Airways' domesuc division returned to work at Heathrow yesterday after a four-day dis-

Judith Ward jail move

Miss Ward, aged 25, is serving a senteoce of 30 years for the M62 coach-bombing.

Baggage men back

pute, during which passengest had to carry their own cases.

Last year it was 11.1p a po and costs bave gone sky hi-Mr James Brown a gro in Lanarksbire, said be reduced his tomato crop f 10 acres to four and unless

cease production.

Runway extension plan at Yeadon doomed

Bradford Airport at Yeadon was firmly placed by the Policy and Resources Com-West Yorkshire County Council yesterday. By 11. votes to five it opposed

Yorkshire · County Council now joins Leeds Metropolitan Council in opposition to extensiona, leaving Bradford Metropolitan Council alone in

From Ronald Kershaw prices, has developed into a political battle with Labour members against and Conservatives for. It is still possible that 5,400ft runway at the Leedsont in favour of extensions but it would be an empty gesture because money would not he forthcoming from West Yorkshire and Leeds councils.

The recommendation rejecting the extensions said the runway should be kept open pending further investigation and that the county council should vigorously pursue the case for Metropolitan Council alone in an airport providing a full on the 2,000ft extensions, estimated to cost some £5m at 1974 Humberside region.

Law to protect confidences suggested By Our Legal Correspondent A tort of breach of confidence should be created by statute, actions for breach of confidence could be of great value in the learnt it. The third is where disclosured to the Younger, committee on privacy, io 1972, that of another's divorce know that his employer would distance the protection of privacy. The third is where disclosured to the Younger, committee on privacy, io 1972, that of another's divorce know that his employer would distance the protection of privacy. The third is where disclosured to the Younger, committee on privacy, io 1972, that of another's divorce know that his employer would distance the protection of privacy. The third is where disclosured to the Younger, committee on privacy, io 1972, that of another's divorce know that his employer would distance the protection of privacy.

the Law Commission proposes
provisionally in a working
paper published today. It
would protect trade secrets and
would protect trade secrets and personal information and would replace the existing common law action for hreach of confidence the scope of which, the Law Commission says, is uncer-

tain and confusing. The new tort should be hased on "breach of a statutory duty of confidence out to disclose or use information acquired in confidence except to the extent that such disclosure or use is authorized by the person to whom the duty is owed". The Law Commission's study follows

mission. First, where disclosure or use of information would deprive the person to whom the duty of confidence was owed from gaining financially from it. A typical example, the report says, would be where con-fidential particulars of an invention are used so that the exploit it.

The second category is where disclosure would cause direct fioancial loss to the person. An example given is when one per-

Tomato me

MPs for oil

Tomato growers from Clyde valley will lobby MP London today for help to their industry. At the enc the year the fuel subsidy

tomato growers ends and in present EEC regulations not be replaced. That, they

will expose a thousand pe employed in tomato growin

the Clyde valley to the effect of rising fuel costs place the Dutch and Belg

growers in a vastly be

The Clyde valley growers bitter because they were couraged by the Govern:

and an investment of £

in new glasshouses to produ type of tomato that go swiftly but demands much r

heat. In the meantime fuel have risen from £2,000 an in 1971 to £5,300. When subsidy is removed the cost soar to £8,500 an acre.

"The Dutch bave access access to £8,500 and acre."

unlimited sources of cheap When the subsidy goes Britain they will be up to ff an acre berier off than Scottish growers. The induhere will simply collapse

grower said yesterday.

Already a large ton
bearing area has not been s

for next year's crop. The io

remain competitive without

fuel subsidy. Growers are demand it should be mainta-until, it is hoped, they have benefit of North Sea oil, as

Dutch have the advantage

North Sea gas.

Another grower pointed that the Clyde valley accour for four fifths of Sco

tomato production. Whole

prices bave increased by more than a fifth over the five years while wages in industry had risen by more three tenths for men and for women in the past

months alone.

Half of Britain's tor requirements are imported although Scotland grows 7 ims a year now that fig.

is likely to fall dramatica
"All we shall be as

for is to have equal trading

producers in Europe". grower said. "In order to hi

eveo we must bave a yield 65 tons an acre. The return us in 1968 was 10.3p a por

position.

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cost aid

From Ronald Faux

revealing the confidential that his informant was a lo sexual.

The Law Commission poses defences to the tort, cluding lawful authority to close, privilege, public inte and not knowing there wa

It also suggests a new of disclosing or using iofor of disclosing of the tion obtained unlawfully. The Law Commission, Wor. Paper 58, Breach of Confide (Starlonery Office, £1.20).

Proposers of candidates for Tory leadership will not be named

document states:

Timing of elections and general responsibilities: 1. If the position of leader of the 1. If the position of leader of the party is vacant, an election shall be held as early as possible.

2. Otherwise there shall be an election in the Hnuse of Commons beginning within 28 days of the opening of each new session of Parliament, except that in the case of a new Parliament the election shall be held not earlier than three months nor letter than six manths from the date of assembly of that Parliament. The actual date will be determined by the leader of the party in consultation with the the party in consultation with the chairman of the 1922 Committee.

3. The chairman of the 1922 Committee will be responsible for the conduct of all ballots and will settle all matters in relation there-

Nominations and list of candidates:
4. Candidates will be proposed and seconded in writing by MPs in receipt of the Conservative whip. The chairman of the 1922 Committee and scrutineers designed. Committee and scrutineers designated by him will be available to receive nominations. Each canudate will indicate oo the nomination paper that be is prepared to accept nomination, and no candi-date will accept more than one

nomination.
The names of the proposer and seconder will not be published and will remain confidential to the scrutineers. Nominations will close by noon on a Thursday five days before the date of the first ballot. 5. If only one valid nomination is received, the chairman of the 1922 Committee shall declare this per-

If more than one valid nomina-tion is received, the chairman of the 1922 Committee and his scrumeers will publish a list of the valid nominations and immedithe valid pominations and trimediately transmit a copy to the two vice-chairmen of the 1922 Committee, the Chief Whip In the House of Commons, the chairman House of Commons, the thatman of the National Union, the chelrman of the executive of the National Union, the president of the Schitish Conservative and Unionist Association, the chairman and deputy chairman of the party the chairman of the party in Scholand the leader of the party in Scotland, the leader of the party in the House of Lords and the Chief Whip in the Lords. Procedure for Consultation with Members of the Party outside the House of Commons. 6. During the period between the close of nominations and the date

The procedure for selecting the leader of the Conservative Party was issued yesterday. The document states: ber of their views regarding the

candidates.

7. Similarly, the leader of the party in the Lords and the Chief Whip in the Lords will make such arrangements as appropriate to obtain the views of peers in receipt of the Conservadve whip.

8. In order that all sections of the party shall be consulted, area chairmen of the National Union will obtain the opinions of constituency associations, through their chairmen, and report their findings to the chairman of the National Union and the chairman of the executive of the National Union.

Union.

In Scotland the area chairmen will similarly consult and report to the president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association. They will also report to Conservative MPs within the area of their responsibility the views of constituencies not represented by a Conservative MP.

S. The leader of the party in the Lords, the Chief Whip in the Lords, the chairman of the National Union and the chairman of the executive of the National Union, together with the president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association. will on the Monday Association, will on the Monday attend a meeting of the executive of the 1922 Committee for the purpose of cooveying to them the collective views of the peers in receipt of the Conservative whip, the National Union and the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association respectively.

First ballot : 10. The first ballot will be held 00 the Tnesday immediately following. For this ballot the scrutineers will prepare a ballot paper listing the names of the candidates and give a copy for the purpose of balloting to each MP in receipt of the Cooservative whip. 11. For the first ballot each voter will indicate one choice from the candidates listed.

12. Where any members are unavoidably absent from the House on that day, through sickness or by being abroad, the scruineers will make arrangements to receive their votes.

13. The ballot will be secret and neither the names of those who have voted for a particular candicate nor the names of those who have abstained from voting shall be disclosed by the scrutineers. 14. If, as a result of this hallot, one candidate both (i) receives an overall majority of the votes of those entitled to vote and (ii) receives 15 per cent more of the votes of those entitled to vote than any other candidate, be will be elected.

The scrutineers will announce the number of votes received by each candidate, and if no candi-date satisfies those conditions a second ballor will be beld. Second Ballot

Second Ballot

16. The second ballnt will be beld
on the following Tuesday. Nominanious made for the first ballnt
will be void. New nominations will
be submitted by the Thursday,
under the same procedure and
with the same arrangements for
consolitation as described in paragraphs 4—9 for the first ballnt,
both for the original candidates if
required and for any other candidates.

17. The voting procedure for the second ballot will be the same as for the first save that paragraph 14 shall not apply. If, as a result of this second ballot, one candidate receives an overall majority of the votes of those emitted to vote, that candidate will be ejec-

ted.
Third Ballot

18. If no candidate receives an overall majority, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the second ballot will be placed on a ballot paper for a third and final ballot on the Thursday following. day following. day following.

19. For the final ballot each voter must indicate two preferences amnigst the three candidates by placing the figure 1 opposite the

placing the figure 1 opposite the name of his preferred candidate and the figure 2 opposite the name of his second choice.

20. The scrutineers will proceed to add the number of first pre-ference votes received by each candidate, eliminate the candidate with the lowest number of first

preference votes and redistribute
the votes of those giving him as
their first preference amongst the
two remaining candidates io
accordance with their second preference. The result of this final count will be an overall majority of the votes cast for one cand date, and he will be elected.

date, and he will be elected.
Party Meeting
21. The candidate thus elected by
the party in the House of Commons will be presented for confirmation as party leader to a
party meeting constituted as follows:

Mp. in presented for con-MPs in receipt of the Conservative whip Members of the Lords in receipt Members of the Conservative Whip Adopted partiamentary candidates Members of the executive committee of the National Union not already included in the above

inventor himself is uoable to

duty of confidentiality.

Bow Group call to Heath allies not to stand down By John Groser

A direct appeal is made today Mr Whitelaw and other senior Conservative politicians to make themselves available as candidates for the party leader-ship. The call comes from the influential Bow Group in the latest issue of Crossbow.

An editorial article argues that, now that a new system of electing the Conservative leader has been recommended by the Douglas-Home committee. would be wrong if those close to Mr Heath . . give in to their natural reluctance to make themselves available. would turn any election into a farce and deny the party the full choice it bas a right to

expect."
Mr Peter Lloyd, editor of Crossbow, and immediate past chairman of the group, who fought Nottingham, West. in both elections this year, appa-rently speaks for the party's younger element when he says: "It would be an act of great statesmanship if Mr Heath finally decided to stand down." The article questions the widely held helief in the party that Mr Heath will he proved right by events. It also declares that "it is clear that the bulk

unhappy with Mr Heath's con-

tinued leadership ".

Mr Lloyd and his fellow Groupers suggest that "over!!!! next few years it is vital the Conservatives have a les who is able to articulate a ; five and liberal alternative state socialism that carries l conviction and humanity ".

While conceding the for

Prime Minister's private qu

ties of vision and compass tbe article says he is "t peramentally unsuited for role that the new leader have to fulfil. He is, it is alleged, about lose his credibility as a chapion of counter-inflation. The is a growing belief that monetary policies of the He

Administration fuelled inflaand contributed substantially the country's present econo Crossbow concludes that main argument against Heath's continued leadership that the party under him

ceased to know where it is go and what it stands for ". Tory reversals, it says, vealed the absence of a cl view of how the economy : society work and what the r nonship of government sho of the parliamentary party are

be to both ". Leading article, page

'Monolithic' basis criticize

Party that the structure of the in this year's elections. National Union of the party needs urgent revision is being special attention to conneeds urgent revision is being special attention to concern supported by at least three the wastage of qualified partners of the 11 areas.

The general suggestion that changes should take place in the party's structure was initially made by the East Midlands Conservatives in a report now published though commissioned more than a year ago. It pro-poses that the party's oational structure should be based on

counties, not areas.
Its conclusion that "the time has come for the party to face realities" is warmly ap-

to Mr Heath by the East Mid- structura" Contributed to lands Area of the Conservative failure to poll at full stren The review committee [

> the only long term ansy would be to deploy agents or county basis." If that recommendation we

adopted, oue regard would he it to be paid to the necessity [3]. employing full-time agents | marginal seats and scatter constituencies. One scheme proposed

volves the employment separate ageots in the margin or scattered seats, and other plauded by some other of the agents to look after more th area executive committees who one constituency.

HOME NEWS___

Extra night patrols after fire that killed 18 old people

From Arthur Osmao Nottingham

As Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, con-firmed in Nottingham yesterday the need for an independent inquiry into Sunday's fire dis-aster, the county council ordered extra staff for night patrols at five homes similar to the devasiated Fairfield Home

Mr Richard Wilson, leader of the council, said five single-storey homes similar to Fairfield were lacking smoke-detector equipment. It was hoped that detectors would be installed io a month's time. Uotil then night patrols would be on duty to give additional security at the homes in Worksop, Hucknall, Burton Joyce, Kimberley, and Mansfield.

These precautions are being taken in homes where, until Sunday's disaster, we did out foresee that there was an unacceptable fire risk", be We are therefore playsaid. We are therefore playing safe until more thorough inquiries have established what risk there is and the best way to combat it."

The council's policy committee will be recommended today to make available the extra £36,000 needed to carry out extra fire precaution work several homes for the

Mr Ernest Lester, chairman of the council, at its routine meeting yesterday, paid tribute to Mr Alfred Richings, who lives opposite the home and belped to save several lives, and to the assistant matron, Mrs Alice Johnson, and Mrs Lill Herbert, the night attendant. The council stood silent ant. The council stood silent for a minute io memory of the 18 dead.

Mrs Castle bad earlier met
Mrs Herbert, who was close to
tears as she showed the
minister round the wrecked
home. Mrs Castle talked with
officials and the surviving elderly residents from Fairfield, who bave been accom-modated at The Oaks bome in

Notingbam.

Later she said she would be consulting Mr. Jenkins, the Home Secretary, on the terms of reference for an inquiry and its constitution. They would be made known as soon as possible. A decision would also he made on whether it should be beld in public. 'One of the poiots I have

discovered with the local authority is that they reject suggestions that there was an over-concentration of infirm old people in this particular home", the minister said.
An interdenominational memorial service will be held at St Giles's, West Bridgford,

Tighter controls urged for building plastics

By Pearce Wright

Science Correspondeot Tighter control over the use some plastic materials in puldings is suggested in a report, Polymeric Materials in Fires, produced by the Fire Research Station and the Buildng Regulations Professional of the Building Reearch Station

lt comments on aoxiety rompted by incidents ranging rom small domestic fires, vbere burning of foamed-plastic uroiture reportedly intensifies aster and produces more moke than traditional materials, o big disasters such as those at summerland, oo the Isle of Man, and at St Laureot du Poot, o France, where plastic oaterials were involved to a srge extent together with other

the diffuse Because ature of the iodustries manuacturiog and using polymeric taterials. accurate figures of

the amount going into buildings each year are apparently imprecise. The latest figures, for 1972, show 200,000 tonnes, of which 44,000 toooes went into furniture. Analysis of the implication of specific materials in fires is obtained from the standard fire brigade report form K433. Although it is al-most the only source from which information can be systematically gathered, the Fire Research Station report says the form is not suitable for collecting the necessary details about the involvement of speci-

fic materials in fires. Available data indicate that in about a thousand fires, or 1 per ceot of all those occurring in huildings, plastic materials are the first to ignite. In about another thousand fires plastic materials were used in the con-struction of the building, though those materials were not necessarily involved in the fire.

Cathedral choir to disband

Westmioster Cathedral's professional choir is to be dishanded because of costs. The choristers will probably leave after next Easter Day's services. The decision was made by the Westminster Diocesan Council of Administration. The seven meo choristers are expected to receive ootice today.

School strike plan

Leaders of striking teachers who kept almost a million Scot-ish children off school yesterday plan to intensify their action if pay recommendations expec-ted by Friday are "inadequate". More strikes are planoed this

No appeal on rape sentence

Christopher John Graham, aged 18, jailed for life for raping Princess Anne's secretary, was refused leave to appeal against his sentence

He pleaded guilty at Man-chester Crown Court on June 20 to raping the secretary at Chel-sea, to raping a Manchesser doctor's wife, and to the attempted rape of an Iranian student.

Signalmen strike

A 24-hour strike by signal-men, which started at 6 am yesterday, balted Southern Region trains in Hampshire and Dor-set, affection thousands of com-

'Buy ticket on board' service next month

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

British Airways is to intro-duce oo January 12 the first seheduled shurds service in Europe oo which passengers will pay on board the aircraft and nobody will be left behind. It may extend the priociple later to main centres throughout the Contineot.

The shuttle service will be between London and Glasgow, on which British Airways carries 600,000 passengers a year. After January 12 there will be no oeed for any passenger to make an advance booking. Check-in time at the airports at either end will be reduced from the present 20 minutes to 10 minutes. Steward-esses will collect the £17 singlefare oo board, accepting cash, cheques, credit cards or governmeot orders.

There will be no bar service or catering on the shuttle. Britisb Airways promises travellers refreshments free of charge in the lounges before departure. It also guarantees that if there is a rush for any one flight, a second and even a third aircraft

will be brought up.
London to Edinburgh, Belfast,
Dublin, Brussels, Paris, Amsterdam, flüsseldorf and Frankfurt
are routes on which such services could be introduced within the next few years, Mr Roy Watts, chief executive of British Airways' European division, said

yesterday. Nine Trident airliners will be used on the London to Glasgow service, with 13 departures from Loodon and 12 from Glasgow each weekday. That will more than double the present aircraft capacity on the route.

Captain Richard Twomey, manager of British Airways' domestic trunk services, said that as soon as an airliner oo the shuttle service was full it would leave the terminal for take-off. A second airliner on stand-by would then be brought up. "This is not a hopeful promise but a very practical proposition ", Captain Twomey said.
"We shall never turn anybody

Forceps left in man's body killed him

A pair of surgical forceps left in a man's abdomen after a berma operation caused his death within six weeks, an in-quest at Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, found yesterday. A ver-dict of accidental death was

The inquest into the death of Mr George Henry Thomas, aged 56, of Aman Court, Cwmaman, Aberdare, bad been told that Aberdare General Hospital nurses found the forceps missing after the operation. But

no one told the surgeon. Mr Peter Jenkins, deputy corooer, said there was an assumption thar the forceps seen oo a dropped instrument rack were the missing pair. The assumption persisted despite the fact that the forceps were never found.

"Why the surgeon was not informed I cannot understand,"

Dr William Reginald James, the pathologist who performed the post mortem examination, the cause of death was intestinal obstruction due to her-niation of the small intestine through part of the forceps.

Employers' chief calls for new leaders to allow industry to expand

Mr Martin Jukes, the engineering employers' leader, vesterday called for an unspecified "new leadership" for Britain. He predicted that if the Government contioued on its present course there would be a statutory policy on incomes before Easter.

Mr Jukes, director geoeral of the Engioeering Employers' Federation, singled out Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, for personal cri-dicism. "I do not think for a moment he provides the leader-thin we need" he said. The ship we need", he said. The forthcoming Employment Protection Bill, was "union-based

and biased " valedictory Making address to iodustrial correspondents. Mr Jukes declined to be drawn on the politician or public figure he had in mind to run the country. "Until we to run the country. "Until we get firm leadership taking us in the direction which permits

Harrow boy on

A schoolboy appeared at

Harrow Magistrates' Court yes-

Foreign Office

facade stays

and many interiors.

arson charge

industry to expand we have no bope", be said. "It is possible to bave such leadership, as indeed was shown in France when de Gaulle was in power. French examples are not my favourite ones hut no one can deny the stability that France got for a loog period."

Without the right kind of leadership the Government would be forced to resort to a statutory incomes policy before Easter, Mr Jukes said. He put the odds at 5-1 on.

Mr Jukes, who retires as director general in two months told a luncheon in London of the labour and indusdon of the labour and industrial correspondents' group:
"There can be little doubt that if we continue on our present course we head for disaster." Recent legislation and counterlegislation by succeeding governments on industrial relations bad caused disorder. Mr Jukes continued:
This disorder is not only at the level of the CBI and the TUC, at the level of the nnions and

the EEF, but stretches downwards. One meets what seems to be a degree of irresponsibility at be a degrall levels.

be a degree of irresponsibility at all levels.

I do not exclude engineering at the shop floor. Too often, district and branch officials lack influence over their members. Even union executives have no control over their members. We have seen examples recently where the shop floor has refused to accept their recommendations, indeed, the instructions, of the executive committee of their ninons. The shop floor has refused even to permit district officials to attend mass meetings and put the official point of view. One could be forgiven for doubting whether in some areas responsibility is wanted by union officials. Union members would do well to consider whether their abuse of collective power may not lead ultimately to anarchy.

Mr Jukes said the nation faced a loss of credibility in unions and in institutions in industrial relations generally. Agreements would not be bonoured and policies adopted nationally would be frustrated on the sbop floor.

on the shop floor.

'Retire early' plan to stop teacher unemployment

By Tim Devlin terday, charged with setting fire to a Harrow School house on

Education Correspondent The charge stated that Sioon Rhodes, aged 17, did by fire damage The Grove and endanger the life of John Meakin and others. He was allowed bail to appear at the court ou langer 22

Teachers should be encouraged to retire early to preof the falling birth rate, Mr Stanley Hewett, geoeral secre-tary of the Association of Teachers io Colleges and Depart-ments of Education, said yester-

He urged Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to consider a four-point plan to prevent unemployment of teachers and its "catastrophic impact on recruitment, which very seriously is already

The Old Public Offices in Whitehall, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, is to be part rebuilt. Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment told the Commons depressed " The plan iovolves compensa-tion for teachers retiring early; a limit on the number allowed Environment, told the Commons vesterday, that it had been decided to preserve the façades to reenter teaching; extending the teacher-training course from

three years to four; and more in-service training courses.

Mr Hewert told the association's council in London that because of the latest population trends there had been a gross overestimate of the school popu-

overestimate of the school population in the 1980s.

He said: "It is clear that a teacher supply policy for a school population of eight million is going to be very different from one designed for a school population of 9,700,000. You cannot 'lose' 1,700,000 school-children and pretend that things are much the same as they were."

The department must reform its policies by not later than Easter. The priority must be to secure employment for the trainees who are at college and who have been accepted for courses next September.

WEST EUROPE

Britain sees no threat to its North Sea oil from Community

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, Dec 17
The idea that Britaio's EEC membership poses a threat to North Sea oil was heavily discounted by Mr Erie Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, in Rrussels raday

mans wanted assurances that if they invested heavily in their coal industry, that their coal would find a market even at high prices.

Less well-eodowed partoers, particularly the Italians, were afraid this might mean higher in Brussels today.

After his first meeting with the Energy Ministers of the Nioe, Mr Varley said: "Providing it is accepted, as I think it is at least it was oot challenged. today—that North Sea oil policy is under United Kiogdom national control, I don't think there is a threat."

In a prepared statement, Mr Varley told today's meeting: "I am sure my colleagues will understand that our reserves of oil and gas in the North Sea must remain under our national control." Mr Varley thought it mportant that no ooe had chalenged this remark. The Belgian Minister had emphasized his understanding.

Explaining the nature of the

threat afterwards, Mr Varley said that at an earlier EEC council meeting there had been a suggestion for a policy of a true common market in energy products. This, he said, could have implied a policy of maximum depletion (exploitation) of reserves. But Britain bad to hus-band its North Sea resources, which represented only two per ceot of known world oil reserves, and the Government bad made it plain that it would take powers over the rate of depletion. Oil was a finite product and it could not be re-planted every year like French

The North Sea was not the dominant issue at today's meeting, which amounted to a business-like, but unambitious, attempt to re-launch the EEC's

ill-starred energy policy.
Other member states with energy resources also had worries. The Dutch wanted to make sure they would be able to sell their natural gas at new drilline ole adequate prices. The West Ger- sea operations.

high prices.

Less well-eodowed partoers, particularly the Italians, were afraid this might mean higher prices or Community subsidies.

The ministers did manage to approve various measures of cooservation and diversification of supplies which could, if effectively implemented, reduce projected Community consumption by 18 per cent and cut de-pendence on external supplies from the 1973 level of 63 per cent to between 40 and 50 per ceot by 198S.

But this was modest stuff compared with the oil-sbaring pool and other arrangements of Agency (IEA).

British companies will benefit account (pre-devaluation dol-Seal (UK) Ltd will get for research into remotely controlled production methods to Lang, Atkins for developing new drilline olatforms for deep

The ministers were discussing new proposed Community laws

to oblige firms to follow certaio

practices in notifying and com-pensating redundant workers.

should pay for redundant workers to stay on.

According to British officials,

Redundancy veto rejected From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Dec 17 stringent safeguard against mass

The British Government, with the belp of most of its partners in the European Community, today thwarted an ambitious Community idea to veto companies' plans to make workers redundant

At a meeting of social affairs ministers of the Nine in Brussels only the French, with the support of the European Commission, were in favour of this

French economy on right road for M Chirac Paris, Dec 17

Chirac, Minister, used the debate on the opposition motion of censure to draw a reasonably picture of the of the French optimistic the prospects He particularly emphasized the spectacular results achieved by the Government in foreign trade. The deficit had fallen from 3,000m francs in July (about £300m) to

218m francs in October.
On the price front, the treod was also favourable. The average increase had in the past three months been reduced to just over 1 per cent November and December should see it fall below 1 per cent, the objective the Government had set itself.

"What can we conclude from this stocktaking?" be asked. "That we have won our ecocomic gamble? I think to claim this would be premature. That we have lost it? It would be false and disbonest to pre-tend it. An objective analysis of economic indices shows we are on the right road."

The Prime Minister added

that in the first balf of 1975 economic activity would cease to slow down, and production should show a moderate should show a moderate increase. He hinted that the Government might take steps to reflate then.

Former nun arrested in child cruelty case

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Dec 17

Signorina Maria Diletta Pagliuca, a former nun, who was sentenced to eight years and four months imprisonment for cruelty to sub-normal children under ber care, in a home at Grotteferrata, was arrested today on the coast near Rome. The case in which she was The case in which she was involved was one of the gravest instances of systematic cruelty to children in a bome acknowledged by the ecclesiastical authorities. She was in provisional liberty while her appeal sheet and it had been was beard and it bad been feared that she might have fled

the country.
Signorina Pagliuca was discovered biding at the home of a woman whom she met while in prison awaiting trial. She was found by carabinier? in a cup-board under a pile of hlankets. She maintained during bearings of her case that far from being cruel, she was in fact a saint.

Inflation doubled in Belgium

Brussels, Dec 17.—Consumer prices in Belgium have risen ao estimated 15.6 per cent this year compared with 7.3 per ceut last year sources said today. The figure was provisional.

While John Bull makes up his mind, only the Irish among his partners care much about his decision

British opinion swings towards EEC

Brussels, Dee 17

The image of the European Community seems to be improving among the British public. But, as the day of decision for continued EEC Community seems membership approaches, most people in the six founder members of the Community appear not to care whether Britain stays in or pulls out.

Ireland, the percentage of people expressing regret has risen by 11 per

from 20 to 31 per cent and

from 37 to 48 per cent respec-tively. In the case of Benmark

and the six original members, anitudes have remained fairly

constant, particularly during the period between May and

There are also more Britons now who believe that EEC membership is a "good thing".

Over the past year or so the

percentage has risen from 31

to 36. About the same number of Britons think that member-ship is a "bad thing" as a year ago (34 per cent in September, 1973, and 35 per cent in Novem-

November this year.

risen by 11 in the past

These are two of the maio findings of an opinion poll carried out by independent research out by independent research organizations in the Nioe and published by the European Commission in Brussels today. The survey, which was conducted between October 18 and November 22 this year was based on the this year, was based on the views of 9,000 people aged 1S and over.
The growing enthusiasm for

has cent

the Community among Britons emerged most clearly from rethe Washington-backed energy consumers' group, now operating as the Interoational Energy plies to the question: "If you were to be told tomorrow that (your country) was leaving the EEC, would you be very sorry about it indifferent or re-liered?" In both Britain and

Mr Varley emphasized the value which Britain attached to the work of the IEA, and insisted that EEC policy must be realistic and flexible. He pointed out that Britain was in a strong position to make a constructive contribution, not just because it had its own oatural resources, but because it bad deliberately maintained a strong coal iodustry and invested beavily in ouclear power. This already accounted for 10 per ceot of all electricity

to the ruoe of 7.35m uoits of lars! from a decisioo today to speed 42.4m units of account next year from Community funds to stimulate research into the extraction of bydrocarbons. for use at a depth of more than 600ft under water. The remaioing 960,000 units of account go

On the delicate specific question of Britain's membership and how people in other EEC member states would react to a withdrawal, a mere 2 per cent of the French population and 8

ber, 1974).

per ceot of the Dutch would ant " or "important". Inflation generally was singled out as the most important problem conuninterested with a total of 78 per cent either not knowing or followed by the implementation thinking it would out make much difference. The French, too, have a take it or leave it attitude among 68 per eeur of

their population.
By contrast, many more of the British, Danes and particu-larly the Irish think that Brit-aio's withdrawal from the Com-munity would be "very seri-ous". The figures in these countries are 18, 20 and 29 per

cent respectively.

The poll also analyses the various EEC problems which members of the public think are most serious at the present time. Nine out of 10 people throughout the Community thought a common fight against rising prices was "very import-

of a common evergy policy, environment, consumer protect tion and a common foreigo pol-icy io discussions with the United States and the Sovier

whether combined Asked action by the Community of independent action by individual member governments would achieve the best results, about seven out of 10 people were in favour of joint action to deal with four major probleois—a policy on energy supplies, the fight against inflation, dealings with the superpowers and the fight against pollution.
The results of the poll were

as follows, all figures being in percentages:

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Geoerally speaking, do you think that (your country's) member-

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Pressure to revalue Swedish currency

From Our Correspondent Stockholm, Dec 17

The Swedish Government was under pressure today to adopt an incomes policy for the first time and eventually to revalue

the currency. Five leading economists, includiog Dr Gunoar Myrdal, the winner of this year's Nobel prize in economics, urged the Government to strive for a package deal to curb inflation by reducing pay claims and revaluing the krona. They also told the Government to borrow Mr John Fraser, Under-Secretary at the Department of Employment, was opposed to the veto part of the proposed scheme, principally because of the difficulty of deciding who thought new few redundants.

petrodollars to cover the soaring balance of payments deficit.

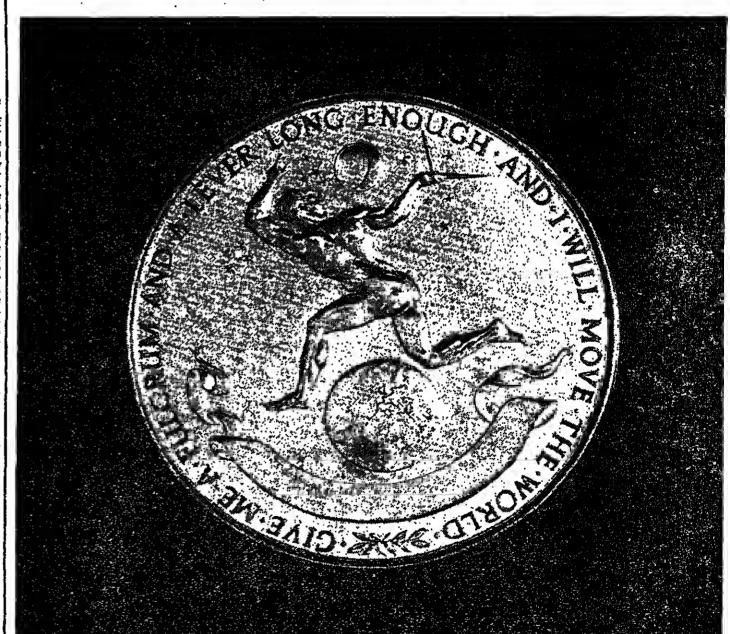
Mr Trister Wickman, the governor of the Swedish ceotral bank, said in an interview today that the Government was not considering revaluation. He added that de facto revaluation bad already occurred. Since September the value of the krona bas riseo by 6 per ceot against the dollar. against the dollar.

Leading banking sources in Stockholm said that Mr Gunnar Strang, the Finance Minister, was under pressure to adopt an

incomes policy as part of a package deal involving a revaluation of the krona. There is oo the other hand trade union pressure for pay rises of about

20 per cent

It bas been a rule in Sweden that the Government should not interfere with wage oegotiations. But sources believe that international economic conditions. and prospects of a recession and mass unemployment next year, may force Mr Sträng to abandor



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Hint of Giscard shift towards Atlanticism

Paris, Dec 17

President Giscard d'Estaing returned to Paris today from his meeting with President Ford in Marninique, completing a formight during which he has consumer nations' preliminary put his personal seal on French positions must be "well preput his personal seal on French diplomacy. All round it represents a cousiderable personal success for the President who was also making his dehut on the international scene.

Uoderlying it all—the meetiogs with Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, and with Mr Ford with the Paris EEC summit sandwiched in hetween ism about what France can aod must do during tha present crisis in the Western world.

He told televisioo audieoces on leaving Martinique: "The world now bas to face such erious risks that the rule for France must he international cooperation".

A France more cooperative, especially with the United States over energy problems, was exactly what the other EEC leaders most weoted at the Paris summit meeting. The nice, hoth in Brussels and in the Parishased Organization for Econo-mic Cooperation and Development, can now get down to con-certing energy policies.

But in France the question-ing has already begun whether 10 obtain American endorse-ment for his international conference hetween oil producing and consuming countries, President Giscard d'Estaing has not begun "slipping towards Atlan-

M Michel Johert, who as Foreign Mioister staged the clash with the Americans over eoergy in Washingtoo io Fehruary, has now recommended "asking M Chirac (the Prime Minister) what he thinks of this reconciliation with the United States". He recalls that until now when France adopted a position contrary to American interests that was dubbed

But axcept for L'Humanite, the Communist Party paper, which finds that the President has made "four grave concessions" to the Americans, the French press today supports him over the line he took. But it is a soher, not ao enthusiastic support. "On energy, in par-ticular", Le Figaro typically comments, "only a vague sketch of a compromise has emerged and on gold the Americans' concession does not really merit

In the Fort de France communique there is no precise commitment by the United States to the holding of a con-ference between oil producers and consumers, and nothing is

element President Giscard d'Estaing originally proposed,

Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, has left himsalf the rider that the pared", but be promised not to adopt dilatory tactics. The original French and American positions on confrontation and collaboration with the oil-producing countries could easily reemerge in all their force, Le

ummit sandwiched in hetween Economics and Finance, com-was the President's own real-menting on his talks in Martinique with Mr Simon, the United States Treasury Secretary, hardly played up the sig-nificance of the agreement on gold. The "real collaboration" between the United States and France would be seen in the coming mooths, he hinted, in the reorganization of the inter-

The acceptance by France of an underlining in the com-munique of the importance of tis cooperation with Nato for the security of Europe, is sig-oificant. The hurying of the old dispute over French com-pensation for American installatioos io France when General de Gaulle pulled France out of the treaty organization in 1966,

Some observers in Paris are peculating whether the two Presidents went further and discussed the role of French actical nuclear weapons within the Nato defeoce system. But President d'Estaing has to move ex-

Lecanoet. the most Atlanticist minister in Government and leader of the Centrists, warmly praised the outcome of the Martioique meeting today, while to Gaullist party stayed silent. M Giscard d'Estaing con-

arms contract of the so-called " placement of the Starfighter by four Nato countries, with Mr Ford, hut the impression in Paris is that collaboration, and a dividing of the markets, can eventually apply only to future aircraft and not to the present contenders.

leaders the "spirit of Marti-nique" as his entourage is already calling the new entente President Giscard d'Estaing.

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OVERSEAS.

President Ford coaxes Congress into allowing military aid to Turkey for the time being

Washington, Dec 17

A last-minute compromise between President Ford and Congress bas saved the foreign aid Bill, including military aid to Turkey. The Americans will continue to supply the Turkish armed forces until February 6.

The President will then have to certify to Congress that real progress is being made towards a settlement of the Cyprus dispute. The Administration bopes that Dr Kissinger's efforts will by then have borne at least some fruit, or promise of fruit, and that Congress will permit aid to continue.

The foreign aid Bill covers a total expenditure of \$2,600m (£1,130m). Mr Ford and Dr Kissinger launched Into an intensive bout of lohbying as soon as they returned from Martini-

The Security Council today

adopted a strongly worded reso-lution on Namibia (South-West

Africa), designed to bring further pressure on South Africa to withdraw from the

territory. The resolution was adopted unanimously after the

African countries had agreed to

some amendments proposed by Britain, France and America.

The resolution condemns the

"illegal occupation" of Nami-

hia by South Africa, and the introduction of "racially dis-criminatory and repressive laws and practices". It then sets out

a series of measures that should

he taken by South Africa, and states that the Council will meet again on the subject on or hefore May 30, 1975, to review compliance with them.

In the event of non-com-

pliance, it concludes, the Security Council will consider

be taken under the Charter".

the appropriate measures to

It was this last paragraph

which was the main issue in the hackstage negotiations hefore today's vote. In their original

draft the Africans bad wanted to set an earlier date. They bad

also wanted to make a specific reference to the possibility of introducing sanctions against South Africa if the Security

Council was not satisfied with

the progress.

The Western countries were

From Peter Strafford

New York, Dec 17

congressional leaders in the House of Representatives last night, and the President summoned them to the White House this morning.

Ostensihly, the purpose of the meeting was to hear the Presi-dent describe his meeting with M Giscard d'Estaing. He used the occasion instead to urge upon his recent colleagues the importance of preserving American influence in Turkey. Withont it the American and therefore Western position in the eastern Mediterranean would be gravely weakened at a time when there was a danger of another Middle East war, and the Cyprus crisis would be no

nearer solution. The Senate had already been won over to the argument, and bad passed the foreign aid Bill with a clause allowing Bill

British officials argued that

sanctions against South Africa would be unrealistic, and would

tend to atrengthen the hard-linera in South Africa at the

Today's resolution demands

comply with past resolutions of tha United Nations, and with tha 1971 advisory opinion of the

International Court of Justice, which said that South Africa's

mandate was ended. The dec

laration should also say that South Africa recognizes the ter-

ritorial integrity and unity of

South Africa take the necessary ateps to withdraw its "illegal administration" from the terri-

tory and " transfer power to the

Rights, release all Namihian

political prisoners, end all dis-

In a statement after the vote. Mr Rashleigh Jackson of Guyana, who is the president of

the United Nations Council for

Namibia, made it clear that the

Africans and their supporters were still considering sanctions

people of Namibia

danger of arrest

against South Africa.

The resolution demands that

expense of the moderates.

UN pressure grows for

Namibia withdrawal

que yesterday to save it. Dr \$187m in aid to Turkey until Kissinger went to a meeting of mid-Fehruary. The House steadfastly refused to compromise and insisted on maintaining an earlier han on aid which came into effect on December 10.

A joint committee of the two houses met several times without reaching a compromise and the whole Bill was therefore on the point of death. Aid to other countries would have continued under so-called continuing resolutions, hut aid to Turkey would have stayed blocked. President Ford has persuaded

the House leaders to relent. He has thus survived a major test of his ability to win essential votes in Congress. It is a sign that despite the disastrous midterm elections last month and the nnkind things the inhabitants of Washington continue to say about him, Mr Ford can say about him, Mr Ford can still round up the votes in

Rockefeller swearing-in ceremony

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 17 Mr Nelson Rockefeller will

tomorrow

that South Africa make a "solemn declaration" to the Security Council that it will take his oath of office as Vice-President of the United States on Thursday afternoon, an hour after the House of Representatives has approved his nomina-tion. The ceremony will take place in the Senate.

It is taken for granted that the House will follow the Senate's lead and confirm Mr Rockefeller with a large majority. The House judiciary committee approved his nomination last week.

The ceremony will be televised live and presumably President Ford will attend. ·

Pending this transfer, it is required to comply with the Universal Declaration of Human Rangoon rioters sent to jail

Rangoon, Dec 17.—A further 24 people were jailed for three criminatory and repressive prac-tices and allow all Namibians presently exiled for political reasons to return without years yesterday for taking part in riots in Rangoon on December 11.

A total of 62 people, mainly neo in their twenties, have now been sentenced to jail terms of three to five years. The offences ranged from stoning a police car to setting cars on fire and damaging public property.

Refugee Turks jeer **President Makarios**

From Our Correspondent

Episkopi Base, Cyprus, Dec 17 President Makarios was nearly mohbed hy hostile Turkish Cypriot refugees when he tried to pay a goodwill visit to their two camps inside this British sovereign base area in south Cyprus today.

The Archbishop's eight bodyguards, armed with Soviet-made Kalashnikov rifles, took up positions around the presiden-nal limousine, facing abour 100 Turkish Cypriot men, who were booing, jeering, whistling and velling ahuse.

President Makarios sat grim-faced in his hullet-proof car while Mr Orhan Muftizade, the oase administrator, a retired British Army colonel, tried to persuade the refugees to let the President's party through.

But the refugees went on standing in the middle of a dirt-track half a mile from the Paramali refugee camp, refusing to move. After five minutes the Archbishop's car turned round and sped off towards Nicosia.

The jeering refugees then

started stoning press cars and British sovereign hase police patrol cars in the presidential motorcade. Several car windows were broken, hut nohody was hurt.
This was the first attempt by
Makarios to come

Archhishop Makarios to come into direct contact with Turkish Cypriots since he returned to the island on December 7 after a five-mooth exile.

After being turned back at the Paramali camp the Arch-hishop ahandoned his plan to visit a second camp within the base area, at Paramali forest. The refugees had prepared an even botter reception for the Archbishop at this camp. They blocked the approach road with boulders, overturned a car, aet it on fire and waited for the Archbishop to

They also stoned Greek cars travelling along the Limassol-Paphos highway, which passes through the base area and near

the two refugee camps.

The 8,000 Turkish Cypriot refugees in the two Episkopi camps are angry with both the British and the Makarios administration because they are being prevented from moving to the porthern. Turkish-occupied, part of the island.

Archbishop Makarios drove to Episkopi direct from emotion-charged meeting Nicosia with more than one thousand bysterically sobbing relatives of the 3,000 Greek Cypriots still listed as missing, five months after the Turkish invasion.

Rhodesians not ready to face black future

From Michael Knipe

Salishury, Dec 17 Rhodesian Government sources indicated today that it would be extremely difficult for Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Miniatar, to persuade the white population to accept majority rule at the end of five years. No one is prepared to admit that this is to be the basis of the proposed constitutional

conference, as has been sug-gested by some informed sources-even less that parity might be reached io an ioterim Parliament. However, Government sources are confident that the electorate has sufficient faith in the Prime Minister to allow him considerable room for manoeuvre without the threat of a right-wing revolt.

Mr Desmond Frost, chairman of the ruling Rhodesian Front, dismissed the prospect of majority rule in five years as unrealistic and said he believed

it to he something that Africans and the press were trying to foster. The views of Mr Frost are significant in that they effect those of the conservative bulk of the party, the bard core of the Government's support. Speaking of the decision to ttempt oegotiations, he said:

"Let's be honest, this was something that the South Africans started. It wasn't something, as far as I know. hat we started." He helieved that South Africa's hopes were to see Rhodesia get inter-national recognition and settle its internal difficulties, "but

at grass roots lavel. Mr Fros confidence in th

found it difficult to understan wbat was going on, but everyor had full Prime Minister. Propagaoda in the precould cause people to react i the wrong way, he said. Unle-

the press indicated to th

Africans that their demant were unrealistic, it could lean to a right wing hacklash.

Bishon Abel Muzorewa, tl. acting heed of the enlarge Africao National Council, calli press conference today appeal to the press not to ha on the previous divisions African oationalists. Indicati the importance olaced on t Africans' new found unity. asled the press to recognize t

ANC as the mouthpiece unified African nationalism. The hisbop expressed or cern at the failure of Government to release all ti Africen detainees as way promised in Lusaka.

The number in detention helieved to he somewhere by tweeo 300 and 500 and the twee Government of the covernment of the covernm impression is that the Gover ment intends to release the

Bishop Muzorews said Articans would not participate in constitutional conference no all the detainees were release Informed white circles a emphatic that the proposed lphaference should take place. Rhodesia and that Mr Smi should himself chair tha pi

China takes tougher line in Soviet border dispute

Peking, Dec 17

The Soviet Union should reduce its armed forces on the Chinese border to the level of at least 10 years ago, if there is to be progress in the negotiait has been stated authoritatively in Peking.

A discussion of the frontier dispute, published in the journal, Historical Research journal. also demands that Russia should cease sending spies to China, put an end to military manoeuvres and "provocations" in the horder area. It also urges the Russians to admit that they had seized territory from China by force in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and says that this is "the right way to solve the dispute.

This statement apparently lays to rest recent speculation that Chioa is taking a "softer line" towards the Soviet Union and might be prepared to drop

the demand for a Russi admission of historical guilt is contained in the first iss'of the journal repolitished t month after being stopped d ing the Cultural Revolution. In recent years the Russia-

have developed a line of histo cal argument to the effect ti their territorial acquisition from China were just a reasonable. For China demand again that they shot change this is tantamount recognizing that there is prospect of progress in border talks in the foresceal future.

Soviet leaders have recendenied that there are any d puted areas on the border, says that if the Soviet Uni sincerely waots progress in t negotiations it could hegin withdrawing its troops fro Outer Mongolia and "reduci Soviet armed forces in the Si Soviet border area to the le of the time of Khrushchey'

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Fear of Israel attack may force Lebanon to buy Soviet missiles

From Paul Martin Beirut, Dec 17

Amid growing fears that it will soon be the target of a majnr Israel assault, Lebanon plunged again today into the unresolved debate of bow best it can defend itself. With the recent Israel air strike around Beirut still fresh in their minds Lebanese political léaders are weighing up the possibility of establishing an air defence

So far Lebanon has managed to remain outside the maio hattle arena in euccessive Arab-Israel wars. However, the upsurge in Palestinian guerrilla activity in northern Israel in recent months bas threatened to embroil it. Israel bas reacted with increasing severity to terror attacks, pinpointing

Lebanon as its prime target. The Israel air strikes around Beirut—the first military assault on the capital since the 1968 attack on the airport-bave exposed Lebanon's lack of air defence. There is now a strong lobby calling on the Government to huy ground-to-air missileseven from the Soviet Union if

"Do we need missiles?" asked Mr Rashid Solh, the Prime Minister. "Of course wa do." He promisad the Government would not besitate to purchase Sam systems from the Soviet Union if Parliament so decided, though Lebanon has R strong pro-Western bias and bas been traditionally armed from this quarter.

The issue of Lebanon's defence is being discussed by the parliamentary, foreign and defence committees who will present their recommendations to Parliament. Although they will be covering well-worn ground, recent events have injected a

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The recent string of guerrilla actions in northern Israel has sparked off this new soul-search-ing. Mr Suleiman Franjieh, the President, is reported to be planning a meeting with President Assad near their common border in the next week. He bas already met Mr Yasir Arafat, the Palestine guerrilla leader, to discuss defence matters of

mutual interest. Clearly, the general feeling in the Middle East that war clouds are gathering ooce more, bas in-creased Lebanese anxieties. Mr Arafat, for instance, is in Syris is reported to bave said be ex-pects a major Israel ettack against Palestinian guerrillas in southern Lebacon. Lebanese fears of an Israel push to the Litani river line have been re-

Although Sams are the topic of conversation at the moment the Lebanese are mindful of the recent history of defence fevers.

Many agree with Mr Pierre
Gemayel, the Phalangist leader,
who declared ebout demands for building up the armed forces Our strength lies in our weak-tess." He went on to edd that Lebanon should not " bring the bear into our courtyard".

According to Mr Gemayel, and a strong lobby agreeing with his assessment, if Lebanon installed a Sam system " the enemy would use this as an excuse to strike at us." This he said could turn Lebanon into "another Pales-tine, if not worse". He pointed out that Lebanon bad so far avoided losing territory to Israel.

The fact remains that e solu-tion to Lebanon's defence needs is one so complicated that it has been in the past thought less dangerous, in the long run, to shelve it. Unlike other Arah fronts, the country's political make-up is too delicately woven to allow the stationing of other Areb troops on its soil to bolster its tiny army. Likewise, material help in the

military sphere from combatant states, like Syrie or Egypt, endangers its present role on the Middle East stage. As Mr Gemayel pointed out, even a change in the status quo of its armed forces may be regarded by Israel as a "provocation". However, the roar of Israel jets over Beirut last week still rings in many ears.

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While much of the world is facing food shortages China has its problem too: how to store a record harvest. The people of Suchien province are relying, as the photograph shows, on silos built in the traditional terrace style of the region.

Israel claims Russians man Syrian missiles

From Mosbe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Dec 171

Mr Shimon Peres, tha Minister of Defence, asserted today that Soviet soldiers were posted in the Damascus area to man ground-to-air missile hetteries. In reply to questions in the Knesset in Jerusalem, the minister estimated thet there were 3,000 Soviet soldiers in Syria.

"We don't know how many of them are in Syrian military positions, but it is known that Soviet military personnel operate some of the ground-to-air missile hetteries in the Damascus area and various electronic systems all over

Breaches of the disengagement treaties by Egypt and Syria had recently been discovered. A few days ago, be said, the Egyptians removed a dozen 130mm guns from a prohibited area after the violation had been discovered and reported to the United Nations. During recent Egyptian man-oeuvres, they moved weapons across the Snez Canal into Sinai in excess of the 30 tanks and 36 artillery pieces permit-ted under the agreement. They

were withdrawn a few bours trenches on the east bank that might be intended for control centres for missile hatteries, the defence minister added.

Mr Peres alleged that the Syrians stationed weapons in the reduced forces zone of the Golan Heights. He was apparently referring to an Israel complaint to United Nations observers on December 13 that Syria had 90 tanks there instead of the 75 permitted and had of the 75 permitted and had guns in excess of the 36 allowed in the agreement.

Israel military sources said it was not known whether the excess weapons had heen removed.

Another Vietnam town taken

Saigon, Dec 17.-Communist forces have taken e second dis-trict capital in their present offensive in which Government forces suffered nearly 5,000 casualties.

The Saigon Command announced that the Mekong delta town of Hung Long, in Chuong Thien province, fell after a three-hour shelling and infantry assault. The garrison fled. The town had been under siege since December 6, when the Communist nffensive started in the delta.—AP.

55,000 Thai children die of malnutrition

Bangkok, Dec 17.—Malnutri tion killed about 55,000 children, aged under five, in Thailand this year, a report said today.-Reuter.

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Japan does an about-turn on oil

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Dec 17
The Japanese Government,
which has so far refused to
endorse proposals by the Western industrialized nations to
conserve fuel, announced today that it is now prepared to reduce oil consumption in the country by approximately 3 per cent during the next fiscal year. Significantly, the helated announcement was as seed after president.

President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing egreed to align their divergent views on the question of energy prob-lems during summit talks at Martinique. Until now, the Japanese Government has con-sistently refused to cooperate with other industrialized nations in plans to reduce oil consumption.

The sudden turnabout in Tokyo's approach to the energy issue is also ettributable to the change in the leadership of the ruling party earlier this month. Less than three weeks ago, Mr. Kakuei Tanaka who was Prime Kakuei Tanaka, who was Prime Minister at the time, informed President Ford during their summit talks that Japan would find it difficult to reduce oil consumption under the plans put forward by Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of

Mr Tanaka apparently tald his American guests that while he believed the United States could afford to cut back on

per cent of its oil; and Japan's bigh growth rate had been achieved because, in contrast to the United States, the country diverted a higher proportion of its energy resources to in-dustry rather than personal consumption.

Mr Tanaka explained to Mr Ford that 70 per cent of Japan's supplies went to industry. It is therefore significant that the decision was aunounced mday, only eight days after Mr Takeo Miki the new Prime Minister—a man vehemently opposed his prede-

cessor's plans for a high growth rate—took office. Mr Toshio Komoto, the Minister for International Trade and Industry (MITI), told journalists that Japan had decided to join other cill consuming industrialized. oil consuming industrialized nations in the West in their plans to save oil next year.

According to the Government's tentative plans, MITI hopes to reduce consumption by 150,000 barrels a dey, Japan consumed 5,400,000 barrels of oil a day last year and the planned reduction next year will amount to some 3 per cent of the nation's total consump-

Mr Komnto said the target levels were still fluid and the plan would finally be andorsed when the Government gave the

sumption of oil is expected to drop to about 283 million kilo-litres by the end of the present fiscal year. Although the Government has not announced any concrete targets for the coming financial year, MITI officials admit thet besides the supplies of oil which will be allotted for normal consumption, an extra 6,160,000 kilolitres will be imported to build up the country's reserves.

A spokesman for MITI said tonight that Mr Kousoto hed specifically declared that tha Government would reduce consumption but imports would not decline.

Mr Komoto did not give details of how the Government proposed to reduce consumption, but officials binted tonight that office buildings and private bouses might have to bear the brunt of a reduction in energy. It is also understood that tele-vision stations will have to limit viewing time and illuminated advertising will be restricted.

The Government calculated in August this year that the country would consume 300 million kilolitres of oil next year if Japan was to maintain a proposed growth rate of 5.2 per cent during the new fiscal year. According to the estimates of government economists, the proposed reduction in consumption would not present industry with any serious obstacles. The growth rate might

Rebels from Zanzibar released by Tanzania

Dar es Salaam, Dec 17.—Ten detainees held on mainland Tanzania have heen released, according to the Government newspaper the Daily News today. Five of them were said to have heen beld in connexion with a plot to overthrow the with a plot to overthrow the Zanzibar Government, which led to the killing in April, 1972, of Shaikh Abeid Karume, the stata's leader.

The five were tried in their absence by the people's court of Zanzibar for treason and acquitted earlier this year. The other five, held in Tanzania on various other charges, were released after their cases had been reviewed. reviewed.

The Daily News added that 14 others, including Mr Abdul Rahman Bebu, the former Tanranian Minister for Economic Affairs and Development Planning, and Colonel Ali Mahfoudh, the alleged leader of the plot, were etill being held on the mainland. They were also tried in their absence by the Taylor of the Mandall Planting held on the mainland. Zanzibar court, found guilty and sentenced to death in May.

Africans killed in fight at mine

Rustenburg, S Africa, Dec 17. -Four African workers bave been killed and 78 others injured in serious inter-tribal fighting at the Bafokeng South platinum mins war Rustenburg, in the Transvanl, during the past three days.

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Protesting Malaysian students put to test

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, Dec 17 Defiance by students of the Malaysian Government, kept up for a fortnight in spite of tear gas and arrests, will come under a different kind of pressure tomorrow when examinations

The students whn have been boycotting lectures talk of boy-cotting the examinations as well. But the University of Malaya bas said that anyone without a proper reason for not sitting the examinations will be deemed to have failed. So, jobs and careers are at

stake at e time when jobs of any kind are hard to find. About 700 students are due to begin taking their examinations for e diploma in education and an MAE degree tomorrow.

The examinations will begin in a convent school away from the university. Professor Ungku Aziz the Vice-Chancellor of the University, has explained that conditions on the campus are not ideal. "We don't want people banging drums outside while others are sitting for examinations", he said.

Two students under detention will take their examinations in will take their examinations in

police cells.

A large turn-out on the first day of the examinations could bring en end of the bout of student demonstrations, largest and most protracted in years, against inflation, low rub-ber prices and corruption. The main test will come on January 13, when undergraduate exami

nations begin. The Government, however, is plainly disturbed and action seems inevitable both to meet some of the students' demands and to establish tighter control. Alresdy a publicity cam-paign is under way to rell the people of moves to soften the impect of inflation.

Yugoslav writer will stand trial tomorrow

Belgrade, Dec 17.—Mihajlo Mihajlov, the dissident Yugo-slav writer, who was charged last week with spreading anti-Soviet and anti-Yugoslav propaganda, will stand trial on Thursday of the sources of the standard of the stan day, official sources confirmed

today.

Mr Mihajlov, aged 40, is a specialist in Russian literature and is known in the West for and is known in the West for his bonks Moscow Summer and Russian Themes. He was arrested early in October in connexion with five articles published in American newspapers and Russian emigré journals in Europe. Under the article of the criminal code concerning bostile propaganda he could face up to 15 years' imprisonment if found guilty.—Reuter.

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From Eric Marsden Ramallah, Dec 17

One month after Mr Yassir

One month after Mr Yassir Arafat's speech at the United Nations which set off demonstrations among the Arabs of the West Bank, life has returned to normal in thie Christian town north of Jerusalem.

The restrictions placed on its citizens by the military government, after school demonstrations and a one-day shutdown by shopkeepers, have been lifted. People from Ramallah and its twin Muslim town, Al Bireh, may again leave the and its twin Muslim town, Al Eireh, may again leave the area and cross into Jordan. They can also resume the export of olive oil and other produce.

Ten shops which were closed indefinitely at the time of the commercial boycott bave been

allowed to reopen, after repre-sentations by the town's Chamber of Commerce and on payment of a surety of about £800 against a repetition. Ramallah is the last of the West Bank towns to be freed from restrictions.

Life is outwardly quiet again, but the demonstrations which hailed the United Nations recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization have left their mark. The new mili-tancy of local Arab leaders is finding expression in a stream of petitions for the return of nine men deported to Lebanon

ings of one of the leading ambassador to discuss the theological colleges in southern matter.

no regret for the brief display of defiance. Like others in the West Bank, they are still hitter over the use of force by police

over the use of force by police and troops to break np the proping and troops to break np the proping of the restrictions, the lifting of the restrictions, the Mayor of Ramallah, Mr Karim Khalaf, told me of the tense exchanges with Israel officials which led to the town's collective punishment. On the day that all the shops closed, he said, the military governor's aide burst into his council room without knocking and banged on his table, ordering him to report to the governor within five minutes.

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Mr Khalaf, who was talking with councillors, led his dalegation to the military governor's office for a joint meeting with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Al Birch council. He claimed that the military governor ordered the military governor ordered the Arah leaders to reopen the shops immediately. When they demurred, be said he would leave them in the room alone for 15 minutes to make a decision.

decision.

The Ramallah councillors insisted nn returning to their own chamber to debate the issue and were allowed to do so, although s decision in 1S minutes was still demanded. However, according to Mr Khalaf, before the time limit expired troops inne men deported to Lebanon according to Mr Khalat, before the time limit expired troops. Shookeepers in Ramallah, busy with pre-Christmas trade, are relieved at the end of an emergency during which streets were patrolled constantly by security forces, but men show occupy them.

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Simpson. The official reason for the Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, who visited the seminary in 1970, said yesterday be was deeply grieved" by the decision to appropriate the college, which be regarded as "e really important institution for Christian progress in South Africa" takeover is the need for expansion of the neighbouring Fort Hare University, one of the country's leading African educational establishments. However, it has been pointed out to the authorities that there is plenty of room for the university to

control of the Federal Theological Seminary of Southern
Africa in Alice, Cape Province,
on Boxing Day. After that date
the college—which trains both
Africans and Coloureds for the
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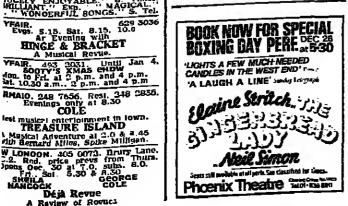
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The Wilder shores of journalism

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THE ARTS

It also belps that Wilder is a It also belos that Wilder is a quintessentially fumny man: reminded by his wife over breakfast one morning that it was their first wedding anniversary he is said to have replied "Please, dear, not while I'm eating." Asked by the same wife to bring her back a bidet from Paris where he was researching Irma La Douce, he wired. "Regret bidet unevailable: suggest bandstand in shower".

But despite his early condi-tioning Mr Wilder understands the somewhat jaundiced view of journalism taken by The Front Page: "Journalists? Who needs them? All they ever ask me is

what Marilyn Mouroe was like and did she wear falsies: who needs that? The Front Page is family name ... like Nixon and Haldeman did."

After s year or two on the Vianna heat (during which time he was sent one morning to collect views un "Mussolini and the new Fascism" from hoth Richard Strauss and Sig-mund Freud) Wilder moved ou to Berlin, where he got a joh with Erich Maria Remarque on an afternoon tabload:
"It was the lete 1920s: Ber-

ple on Sunday: the second assistant cameraman was Freddy Zinnemann and I guess we all thought we'd found the right business to be in."

treat an execution as just maker of films; his scripts, another few bundred words. I most written in collaboration

able to write as well?

"No", replied Wilder,

"though I find it does help if
a director can read s little. I
started directing out of selfstarted directing out of selfdefence: no writer wants to
see his work burchered forever, and yet a mere writer is
not allowed to hang around the
set safeguarding it . . . producers figure he's liable to
make trouble."

What made Wilder move
from Berliu to Hollywood?

"Amhition and Hitler in
roughly equal measure: it was
the mid-thirties, clearly I'd
have had to move soon anyway

"It was the lete 1920s: Berlin was full of Brecht and
Weill and Lenya and Emil Jannings and Luhitsch and Conrad
Viedt. Things were bubbling,
especially io films, and I began
in my spare time to write
scripts for the UFA company.
Robert Siodmak was there
shooning a picture called Peonle on Sunday: the second arrived there, I didn't speak a Robert Siodmak was there good place to be if I wanted to shooting a picture called Peogo on writing pictures. When I arrived there, I didn't speak a word of English; well, I had a word or two hut they weren't the kind of words the Hays office liked. So I went to live in a cupboard, which some land-

ledy called a room in down-town Los Angeles: I shared it with Peter Lorre for a whila and together we lived on cans of soup, learning the Euglish language in so far as you can learn the English language in Los Angeles. But it's easier to survive in California with no mooey—you don't have to worry about clothes or heat-

wilder stud his first script partner, Charles Brackett, wrote Ninotchka for Garbo in 1939; three years later, again with Brackett as co-writer, Wilder made his debut as a director with The Major and the Minor. The result was a Paramount contract which lasted unbroken through to Sabrina Fair in 1954 hy which time Wilder was writing with his present partner, I. A. L. Diamond. All in all he bas made 30 films, been nominated for 21 Oscars, woo six and taken in around forty million of the box office. Teledollers at the box-office. Tele-vision is even beginning to

stage Wilder seasons in the United States.

"Old films haunt you forever. In this business we never bury our dead. We bring out the corpses end show them on the corpses and show them on the state of t television to make a little more money."

But in among the successes there have been a goodly few disasters—movies like Kiss Ma

"Sure there have been disas-

"Sure there have been disasters—but you can't play it straight for ever. I throw curves now and again just to keep people awake. Take The Front Page: it's a highly successful singe play from the Thirties, it's already been filmed twice [once in 1931 by Howard Hughes with Pat O'Brien and Adolphe Menjou, and then sgain as His Girl Friday where the sexes were and then again as his Gri Friday where the sexes were swinched and Rosalind Russell played the Jack Lemmon part]. Also as a script it's been grave-robbed: all the best jokes and currain-lines have been pilfered for other movies. So who needs it again? We do; but Mr Diamond and I had to shoehorn in an extra thousand or so jokes, so now it still looks like 1929 but it's '29 seen through the eyes of '74. We didn't repaint the cerling of the Sistine Chapel, we just

Sheridan Morley

Stupid, Irma La Douce and The Private Life of Sherlock seconds to sign them. They'd seconds to sign them. They'd taste and timing on which Wilder constructs his movies has somehow given way.

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The Front Page has simul-America this month; then, on January 2 Wilder and Diamond go back to their type writers "to whip up the next one". What will it be? "The story of Hollywood over six decades: kind of like

The Forsyte Saga—beginnings, glories, last days, that sort of thing. But at least it'll be an original screenplay so nobody can say we loosed it up. Mr Wilder is now 68: would -

there, I wondered finally, ever come a time when he stopped;

of the Sistine Chapel, we just propped it up."

What about Lemmon and Matthan?

"Well, I'd brought them together first for The Fortune Cookie [known here, God knows why, as Meet Whiplash Willie] in 1967 and so this making films?

"And do what? If you've been a juggler all you're not suddenly going to be any good as a dendistr lesides, being in a film factory is better than being in a but ton factory—at least you carf, change the shape of the films?

Fine team making

Covent Garden

John Percival

This Swan Lake is the hest uf the Royal Baller's big nine-teenth-century productions: the choreography probably closed than any rival to the classic Petipa and Ivanov, and Leslie Hurry's decors avoiding modish affectations, although the lightaffectations, although the lighting is not all that it might be.
One or two minor improvements could easily he made
(putting the swans into longer
dresses again is the most obvious), hut basically it is a good
showcase for the company and

Surprising as it must seem Monday night was the first time Antoinette Sihley and Rudolf Nureyev had danced it together. Nureyev had danced it together.
Their first duet was smoothly
done, but lacked emotion
hecause she snetched only one
quick glence at him and most
of the time resolutely stared
tun at the sudience. His eyes,
searching her face for response searching her face for response, found none. That is no way to dance a love duet.

dance a love duet.

Perhaps someone introduced them in the interval, hecause after that Sibley did seem more conscious of her partner. They could be e fine team, his strong physique setting off her fragility, if she would let herself go and act with more conviction.

Sibley's solos were attractively done, with an effective concentration on speed in Odile's varietion; but if a hallerine is going to omit the famous 32 fouettes the substitute manage needs to be just a little more brilliantly carried off to make up.

off to make up.

Consequently, the coda to the

Black Swan duet depended

more than usual on Nureyev,
and luckily he was in more than
usually good form, with a notshly fast, zippy set of
pirouettes. Earlier, his arahesque landings from air-turns
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Laura Connor made a crisp showing in the pas de trois and Michael Coleman soared strongly in his solo, hut Marguerite Porter's bright, heautiful smile could not entirely disguise bent arms, shaky turns and poky feet, Lesley Collier and Wayne Sleep whizzed cheerfully through the lively Neapolitan dance, hut two young aspirants in the girls' solos of Ashton's pas de quatre looked desperately out of their depth. depth.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



American realist

Winslow Homer has a place of high esteem in America as one who devoted a faithful realism to representing various aspects of America life in the second of the control of t of American life in the second. of American life in the second half of the nineteenth century, and the selection of his drawings and a number of oil sketches from the Cooper-Hewitt Collection in the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, now on view in London at the Victoris and Albert Museum, well conveys the wide range of his art and its individual character. character.
Trained in lithography,
Homer took readily to illustration. The Civil War was one

of his early subjects, and the numerous chalk studies of Dr Who and the Daleks

From Shakespeare to Sam

Shepherd, anything goes on the

modern stage, hut when it comes to Dr Who the thestre

has to reckon with an expert

public. The rules are inflexible

out its occupant while the rest .

Adelphi

Irving Wardle

the charm of American country girls in their simple gingham dresses and perky straw hats is realized with a sensitive quality of line. His boy on a swing, 1879, is very "Huckleberry Finn". A turning point in his art was his visit to Tynemouth, Eogland, 1881-82. As well as developing the use of water-colour he was impressed by the drams of the sea. His Fishermen in Oilskins, Tynemouth, watching a storm has all the Daleks contain anything more than the standard printed cir-cuit, Mr Dicks deserves a re-

cuit, Mr Dicks deserves a re-habilitation sentence down in the reactor room. But otherwise he knows his place and offers a blamelessly correct Tardis ad-venture, that makes up in self-containment for what it lacks in time-slip complexities.

A bowed figure staggers out of the famous hlue box; two plants in the sudience (Wendy Padbury and James Methews) rush to his assistance, while the and known to all; and the joh of supplying an acceptable live equivalent for this electronic plaything is quite enough for any production team.

There is a moment in Seven rush to his assistance, while the past faces of the Doctor flash up oo the back wall; finally he raises his head revealing his latest metamorphosis into Trevor Martin a rather sar-There is a moment in Seven Keys to Doomsday when Ter-rance Dicks allows authorship to donic mask for so henevolent rance Dicks allows authorship to go to his head, and permits the Doctor to open a Dalek like s hinged biscuit tin and scrape planet Karn and stood his out its occupant while the rest ground against its man-eating of the cast avert their eyes in the cast avert even avert e of the cast avert their eyes in crehs and lobster-cla horror. For suggesting that dile-muzzled guards.

William Gaunt

tension of the moment, and many other drawings testify to the extent to which be became a painter of the sea and the heroic ancounters of which it was the scene. A watercolour study for The Gulf Stream has reference to the picture of 1899 made widely known by reproduction (Metropolitan Museum of Art. New York), though the Courage.

The rustic idyll was another phase in which be excelled, and the charm of American country of Art, New York), though the finished work has a wider implication in the shark-infested waters and approaching typhoon that threaten the lone Negro sailor in his dismasted because harque.

A complement to the drawings in the exhibition are the small oils in a tentatively Impressionist style and the artist's more pastoral vein.

Full electronic illusion is heyond the reach of any stage production; so Mick Hughes and Joho Napier, his hrilliant designer, heve settled for the only feasible alternative and magnified the scale of effects.

Besides the stage there is a bank of nine screens where inter-stellar skies mingle with fantastic vegetation, a bestiary of grotesque heads and enor-mous eyes. The screens are huilt around the equivalent of a Greek tragic portal; a black hole through which dreadful things happen and from which they stealthily emerge under cover of shadows and smoke.

When the ultimate horror is announced, a murmur of affection runs through the house, and ou slide the Daleks to general applause. Nobody actually said "Aah I", but they might just as well have heen koala bears.

A happy mixture

The Sun is God Thames

Michael Ratcliffe

"This way, Mr Ruskio. . . ." Notorious Woman, now happily out of her misery (and ours) has made us so nervous of the humourless head-houting that passes fo instructive entertainment in television's neo-Holly-wood serials that I feared for a moment that Michael Darlow's drama-documentary of Turner's life and art was about to follow the same path. Nut a hit: Mr Darlow is a versatile and intelligent director, with the clear-headed discretion to briog off the "Genocide" opisode in The World at War and the common sense to make something crisp sense to make something crisp and funny from The World of Jimmy Young. Common sense, clearheadedness, a good eye and, above all, a sense of discipline and pace, were all distinguishing elements of The Sun is God, the bappiest mixture of drama and documentary that I have seen for some time.

The protagonist must share

have seen for some time.

The protagonist must share the credit. Mr Darlow and his producer, Julyon Wimhurst, picked Leo McKern to impersonate Turner. Mr. McKern is an actor to tear a passion to tatters, hut while it was to he expected that he would roar for the results lake and hurst umber the scarlet lake and hurnt umber in fine style, it was more sur-prising that he found such a prising that he found such a contained power in the painter's with a phrase either, called inner withdrawal, such tenderness in Turner's love for his flashes to the sun".

father, or in the scenes with, Sarah Danby, Mrs Booth and the Egremont children at Pet-worth House Indeed, Ma-McKern has never been seen to better sdvantage.
Mr Darlow devised a marvelous buffo episode, alive with

raised arms and running servants, tumbling children and small does, flying silver, kinen; and breakfast dishes, as an insenious, if uptimistic, emplanation for that aftermath of catalismophe known simply as Insterior at Petworth (Royal, Academy, catalogue, pumper, and persons catalogue, persons ca Academy catalogue, number 339). Dehussy's music, nsed throughout, will only do for the very abstract. "unfinished".
Turner; its I'mord flutes and harps were much too cool for Rain, Steam and Speed or for such a savage work as Slavers. Throwing Overboard the Dead-and the Dying (R.A. 518), hut-this was a minor miscalcula-bion when set beside the picri torial and literary qualities of

the orogramme as a whole.

Mike Fash's dazzingly soft photography complemented the early English landscapes and the later Venetian ones so well the later Venetian ones so well that there was never a jolt as we moved to and fro between Turner's paintines and the artificial modern light of studio and location. The words of John Ruskin (played with great affection by Nicholas Jones), as he spoke of blood and fire, of beauty disincegrating into terror, of the worm at the root, took us furnely into the darkness that lay it either side of what that lay tu either side of what

Stratford's Winter Festival

The annual season of hallet, drame and music at the Royal Shakespeare Thestre is to be consolidated into an annual Winter Festival of the performance and the first selections. ing arts, and the first will take place from January 29 to March 8 next year. The festival will follow on tha Royal Sbakespeare Company productions of Twelfth Night and Macbeth, whose run has been extended to January 25.

The Winter Festival opens with a recital by Joan Sutherland, accompanied by Richard Bonynge. There will he s two-week season by the Royal Ballet (February 3-15) and an opportunity for Midlands audiences to see John Barton's Aldwych proing arts, and the first will take

see John Barton's Aldwych pro-duction of Marlowe's Doctor

Faustus with Ian McKellen as Faustus and Emrys James as Mephostophilis (February 18-22). Morecambe and Wise will make their first ever appearanca at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre on March 3 and 4.

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Other events will be: January 30, piano recital by Peter Katin; January 31, Gilbert and Sullivan for All; February 1, Syd Lawrence Orchestra; February 24 to March 1, Stratford-on-Avon Amsteur Operatic Society in Bitter Sweet; March 5, Jacques Loussier Trio; March 6-7, Johann Strauss 150th-year anniversary concerts with Juna Bronversary concerts with Juna Bron-hill, Marcus Dodds and Vilem Tsusky; and March 8, Handel Opera Society in Jephiha.

Paul Scofield in a Coward comedy

Paul Scofield, making his dehut in a Noël Coward play, will perform in Present
Laughter, an Redia 4 un Monday at 8 pm. The programme
will be repeated on Sunday,
December 29, on Radio 3 and 4
at 2.30 pm.

The author said he wrote the light comedy "with the sensible object of providing me w th a bravura part". This is t'e role to be undertaken by Mr Scofield, that of the egotistical actor Garry Essendine. Mr Scofield's wife. Joy Parker, will play his wife, Joy Parker, will play his stage wife, Liz, and Penella Fielding, Patricie Routledge and Roland Maule will be beard in other roles.



Bleak future ahead for England

Crickel Correspondent Perth, Dcc 17

There was no defiance here today from those who really mail cred. Titmus made 61 and Old 43, but once again England's specialist batsmen failed them discounted the control of the control mally. With 50 minutes left this evening therefore, and all tomurrow to spare, Australia won the second Test match by nine

To make anything of a fight of It Greig and Denness had to get a start this morning. It was an ideal day for hatting, with a hreeze to ripple the flags and another 31 overs to be howled before Lillee and Thomson could lay their hands on a new ball. The only clouds in the sky were from the bushfires burning in the hinterland. There was a lot more in favour of the batsman than the howler. But within 25 minutes of the start the

match was as good as over.

In his first three overs Thomson removed Greig, Denness and Fletcher. "Except for Colin they have forgotten where their off stump is", said Bill Lawry, Australia's captain until Ian Chappell rock over which is another way. took over, which is another way of saying that these three were all out playing balls which in the cir-cumstances they could, end should. hare left alone.

cumstances they could, end should. hare left alone.

It is as much of a mental problem as a technical one. Most of England's hairing in this match was rotten. This is what happens, though, to a side that gets softened up hy howling which is much faster than they are accustomed to. Twice I have seen it happen no Australia in Just the same way. The first was here in 1954-55, when a side containing such batsmen as Morris. Harvey, Miller, Burke, Hole, Davidson and Benaud, was unnerved by Tyson and Statham. The other occasion was in South Africa in 1969-70 when Australia, with Lawry, lan Chappell, Sbeahan, Redpath and Stackpole, were so shaken up hy Procter and Peter Pollock that no one would have hacked them, by the end of the series, to take a Test match into the fourth day.

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This is what worries me now. Both in 1954-55 and 1969-70 there was no recovery. England went two down in the rubher today. The last time they lost the first two Test matches out here was In 1958-59, with a much better side than Denness has. Australia went on to win by four matches to none. In recent Test bistory the only occasion when England have come back from losing the first two Test matches on a major

ENGLAND: First Innings,
(A. P. E. Knott 511.
Second Innings
D. Lioyd, c G. Chappell, b Walker
M. C. Cowdrey, 1-b-w. b Thomson
M. Denness, c Redpath, b
Thomson
D. W. Greig, c G. Chappell, b
Thomson W. R. Flotcher, c Mersh, b E. Knott, c G. Choppell, b W. Luckhurst, c MelloH, b Titmus. c G. Chappell, b

Thomson N. G. D. Willis, not out ... 0 C. D. Willis, not out ... 0 C. Extras (1-b 4, w 1, n-b 111 16 Total 293 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-106, -123, 4-124, 5-154, 8-156, -219, 3-285, 9-293, a OwLING; Lillee, 22-5-59-2; homson, 25-4-93-5; Wolker, THIRD TEST: Onc 26-31. Melbourne. FOURTH TEST: Jan 4-9, Cydney. FIFTH TEST: Jan 25-30, Adalaide. SIXTH TEST: Fob 8-14, Melbourne.



Knott provides Greg Chappell with one more towards Chappell's record seven catches in the match

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tour was in West indies in 1953-54. when they won two of the last three and drew the other, in 1956-37 Australia lost the first two Tests to G. O. Allen's side before Bradman won the last three. England, unfortunately, have got no Bradman.

Their best bope is for a slow pitch in Melbourne for the third Test match, on which to regain some semblance of confidence, followed by one that turns in Sydney for the fourth, which is not unlikely, in the next week Denness is going to have to decide, with the help of the tour committee, whether to drop himself from the Test side. He has scored only 206 rups on the tour in 12 innings, and he looks less than most like surviving for any time against Lillee and Thomson. On the other hand, be has led the side pretty well in the field, No captain sansfies all the people all the dme unless like lan Chappell, he has a winning and improving team. I imagine Denness will have one more Test, at least, before handing over to Edrich, bis will have one more Test, at least, hefore handing over to Edrich, bis vice-captain, or to Cowdrey If Edrich were not able to play, Here, end in Brisbane, Fletcher

here, end in Bristane. Flewher has played no better than Denness. In England's last 25 Test matches hefore the present series—against India, Fakistan, West Iodies, and New Zealaod—Fletcher's average New Zealand—Fletcher's average was nearer 50 than 50. In four innings here be bes made 17, 19, four and nought. He bas yet to make a first-class hundred in Australia, either on this tour or the last. I am woodering whether the extra bounce of Australian pitches, combined with Fletcher's lack of inches, is always going to count against him. If it does it will deprive us of a fine player in other countries, who at the start of the tour was England's number two to Amiss. number two to Amiss.

England's hest batsmen in the second linings were their two quadrogenarians. Cowdrey end Tltmus. I can think of one or two too. who welcome out here at the moment:
D'Oliveira, for Instance, aod Close.
I would imagine a combioed XI. chosen from the two sides that played in this second Test match.

Greig bit the first ball of the first over this morning to third man for four, off the middle of the bat. It gave him false ideas. He seems to think at the moment that be can launch into an attack without needing to play himself without needing to play himself in. His arrogance is lo danger of becoming a disadraptage. The sixth ball of the day was pitched well up, Grelg drove it without bothering to get his foot to the ball and Greg Chappell at first slip held a good head-high catch. In Thomson's third over be had

Denness caught et third slip and Fletcher et the wicket—off his first hall. Denness played much the same stroke as in the first innings, Bo indeterminate wave. Fletcher's was a splendid ball, lifting from just short of a length end straight enough for Fletcher to feel be had to play it. Knott and Lloyd stayed together for 35 minutes before Knott, as though be had given up the ghost, threw his bat at Lilles and was complet in Control given up the ghost, threw his bat at Lillee and was canght in Greg Chappel's midriff at second slip. Lloyd who looked as though be could have kept going had the incentive not gone, was also caught at slip by Greg Chappell, flashing carelessly at Walker.

By then five wickets had fallen in an hour and a querter for 54 runs. The last four lasted from 12.15 until 4.35. Which was as long as Tirons batted. Titmus most as Timms batted. Timms must have thought long ago that his days of avoiding Australian humpers were over, and of trying to save lost causes for anyone other than Middlesex. But here he was ducking and pressure against was, ducking and weaving against Thomson, and going down the pitch to Mallett, and getting staunchly behiod the ball. Titmus played the innings of an old cam-palguer. It was not what Thomson

has come to expect from England's present hatsmen.

Luckhurst resisted bravely, and no omfortably for two hours and nocomfortably, for two hours and the gully; Old hit boldly (18 runs to one over from Walker) before skying Mallett to midwicket. Aruold was astonishingly caught in the gully, left-banded and diving by Mallett, and the last wicket fell, spily enough, to another maryel-

ning and tumbling at wide long-off.
This gave him a record for Test
cricket of seven catches in a match
by a fieldsman other than a wicketby a fieldsman other than a wicketkeeper. Several players have held
six catches, including Cowdrey and
also Vic Richardson, the grandfather of the Chappells. Here and
in Brisbane, Australia have beld
no fewer than 26 catches at slip
and gully, or behind the wicket,
and dropped scarcely any. Such
is their form and confidence. Such,
too, is England's fallibility to the
ball on and outside the off stump.
In Brisbane Thomson finished
with nine wickets for 105 runs.
Here he bad seven for 138, 16
wickets that is at 15 runs apiece.
All round Australia boys are running op now and trying to sling
the ball down like Thomson. Fortunately for England not many of
them will turn ont to be as strong

them will turn out to be as strong as Thomson is. From the Perth pitch, as at Brisbane, his pace was the fiercest of anyone in the match, his lift the steepest, his direction, et times, the most wayward. Rumour has it that Greig is urging him to play for Sussex. If he should there might be a need to ask for batsmen to volunteer to open, on a "greentop" at Hove, with Thomson bowling from one end and Snow from the other.

Three of the players touring Australia with MCC, Derek Underwood, Dennis Amiss and John Edrich, are among the country cricketers receiving benefits or testimoulals next summer. Amiss, alone in the list, has a championship match set aside for him. He takes the same against Kent at takes the game against Kent at Edgosson on Angust 9, 11, 12. The list, with matches where arranged is:

Derbyshire: M. Page Hestimonial); Essex: B. Edmezdes Ibenefit); Glamorgan: E. Jones (benefit), John Player League match v Loncashire, July 27; Kont: O. Underwood (benefit); Lelcos-tershire: M. Korman (benefit); John Player League match v Worcestershire; May 25; Lancashire: K. Shuttleworth and J. Sullivan ijohn (astmonial); Middlesex: J. Murray (benefit). and J. Sullivan (Joint leatingonis);
Middlesex; J. Murriy (bengili);
Northamplonshire: D. Steele (benefili. Join Player League match v
Leicestershire: June 22; Hottinghamshire: M. Smedley (beoefit; Somerse);
T. Cartwright (leatingonial); Surrey; J.
Agrica (Jostingonial); Warwickshire: D.
Amiss (benefil); champlonship match v
Kenj Aogust 9, 11, 12; Worcestershire;
B. d'Oliveira (benefil), Hampshire give
a testimonial to their head groundsman
al Southampion, B. Knights.

Newcombe worried about his excess weight

Sydney, Dec 17.—Joho New-combe, the former Wimbledon champion, reached the third round of the New South Wales champion-shipa here today and then headed-for the hills to shed excess weight. Newcombe, 30, beat Uli Pipner, newcombe, 30, beat on Pibner, of West Germany, 6—4, 6—4, in the second round today hut admitted afterwards that he was "anything hut happy with his form and weight".

Pinching the flesh around his waist, he said: "I've got to get this stuff off if I want to who here and then show I'm Cooocrs in the Australian championships next week han he is not enotied to top world ranking".

Newcombe theo left the courts to run up a steep hill near his Sydney home in an attempt to tone op for the task ahead. He bas spent the past two days ronning up and down the hill and feels the tough course will have bim at peak fitness by the end of the

" I reckon I'm six or seven pounds overweight and not as strong in the legs as I should be ". said the world's former No 1 who failed this year at Wimbledon, Forest Hills and in last week's masters tournament in Melbourne.

Newcombe did not need to hit top gear today in dismissing Pinner but relisbed the opportunity to run around the court in the histering heat In a bid to sweat out any excess weight.

Mrs Margaret Court, 11 times Australian women's champion, who is making a comehack, had to overcome plucky resistance from fellow-Australien Christine O'Neill before registrate the study pour of

might contain three, possibly four, Englishmen: Cowdrey and Tumus,

· Rackets

Young Cowdrey's turn to face a vicious attack

Eton disclosed their hand in the colts division of the schools' rackets championships at Queen's Club yesterday. H. R. Murray-Fhilipson, the top seed, lonked impressive and another Faber. David, speared on the scene. David, apeared on the scene.

The unfortunate player who tackled Murray-Philipson was Jeremy Cowdrey, second soo of Colin, currently trying to shore up England's defences in Australia. Young Cowdrey could only tralia. win one point and the Etonien's service wes remarkably vicious for

Jeremy Cowdrey's elder brother. Coristopher, would, by the way, have competed in the Foster Cup but for the fact that he leaves today for South Africa with a schoolboy cricket team, the Croco-diles. This Christmas finds the Cowdrey family scattered.

Cowdrey family scattered.

Murray-Fhilipson, a competent, mature-looking plaver, has plaved for Eton's first pair and is the current school chempioo, having beaten one of their Foster Cuprepresentatives, R. J. O. Graham, in the final, Whether there is anyone to hold him in this event is doubtful unless he becomes overdoubtful unless he becomes over-confident. His three chief rivals

appear to be D. K. Walson (Marl-horough) and the two Malvero left-heoders, P. J. Rosser and A. J. B. McDonald, all of whom won.

GOLTS effolks, First round:
J. F. C. Fober (Linn) Boll M. J. L.
Paul Harron', beal G. R. King-don (Winchesler), 15—5, 5—6, 15—0, M. J. Hough (Winchesler), 15—5, 5—6, 15—13, 15—6, 15—13, 17—14, 18—12, 15—14, 17—14, 18—12, 18—13, 18—14, 18—15, 18—16, 18 By Our Rackets Correspondent appear to be D. K. Watson (Marl-

Professional events resist cold economic winds

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Professional golf tournaments
are standing up well to the strain
of cold economic winds. The calenof cold economic whods. The calendar for 1975, released yesterday by the Professional Golfers' Association, shows a prize money total of £476,500 for tournoments and an overall figure of £629,000. This compares with corresponding figures a year ago for 1974 of £534,000 and £678,000. When the

ES34,000 and E678,000. When the increased cost of living to the past 12 months is also taken into account, it is clear the professionals will be playing for less to value, yet in present circumstances the picture remains a remarkably browart one. buoyant one.
The final pay-out last season was less that the figure given above at the start of the season. This would reduce the difference betwen the two years, hol only if there is no similar shrinkage again this time.

Colgate have already been shown to have made a powerful contribu-tion to the 1975 programme, and another voluable move is the deci-sion of the Sun Alliance and Loodon group to step in and sare the old matchplay champlonship which has heen dropped by Benson and Hedges. They were co-promoters of the 1973 Ryder Cup matches, and by this latest move have shown a developing interest io matchplay. The course for 1975 has not yet been chosen, but the championship will take place eerly lo September before the British team leave to play the Ryder Cup matches at Laurel Valley, Pennsylvania. Prize money for this will be £20,000 with a first prize of £3,500.

a first prize of £3,500.

The circuit has lost four events, two of them tournaments for the under-25. All the Continental championships have stood their ground without changing the total of their prize money. At present there is no Indication that American Express instend to continue their sponsorship of Cootinental pro-ams or of the European order of merit, but there may yet be other Continental touroaments to tempt the professionals but which do not come under the PGA umbrella. PGA umbrella.

PGA umbrella.

Coverage by television looks like heing alightly down, specially in the case of IBA who at present are due to cover only the Dunlop Masters and the Benson and Hedges festival. As at present arranged the BBC will be handling the Open championship, the Penfold PGA, the Double Diamond and the Piccadilly world matchplay.

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Costa del Sol £20,000
To be announced £15.000
Nevatanee GC,
Bangkok, Thailand

Gay Kybo takes measure of top weight

Gay Kybo, who used to be trained by Peter Cazalet, won the race named after the late trainer at Plumpton yesterday. The sixyear-old, owned by Cazalet's friend, Isador Kerman, overcame a bump which put the favourite. Chance a Look, out of the race, took the measure of top weight Soho Sol, at the last fence, and ran on well.

ran on well.

Cazalet was leading trainer at Plumpton for the five years up to his death in 1973. Mr Kerman said: "This has given me tremendous pleasure. Peter trained my horses for many years."

Gay Kindersley, whose Carrickbeg was beaten by three quarters of a length by Ayala in the 1953 Grand National, has Aintree on the agenda for Black Tudor, surprise winner of the Keymer Steeplechase. The odds-on favonrite, Khan, Dever jumping fluently, put his hind legs in the water on the second circuit and that put paid to any chance be held. My Virginian was still in command at that point, tracked by Black Tudor, who took tracked by Black Tudor, who took over coming to the second last and woo by 15 lengths.

Last season, Anthony Watt won a £2,000 handicap at Sandown Park and finished third to Red Candle and Red Rum in the Hemsesy Cognac Gold Cup at Newhury, carrying 11 st. He was giving the winner 10 lb and receiving only 4 lb from Red Rum.

ing a lot, particularly it the going, officially forecast as good, becomes soft or heavy. There were some sharp bitter squalls yesterday in the area, and the ground on any course in December can change in an hour or two as a result of e downpour lasting a couple of

Should Anthony Watt, the type of staying steeplechaser that can win the National Hunt Handicap Steeplechase at Cheltenham or earlier one of the valuable three-

Tough task for Anthony Watt

Among the 93 horses declared to run in the six races at Catterick Bridge today there is one of top class, the eight-year-old Anthony
Watt whom Tony Dickinson rons
in the three-mile Danby Handicap
Steeplechase in preference to
Donobill, his recent winner at Ayr.

winner 10 lb and receiving only
4 lb from Red Rum, later lo win
the Grand National for the second
time and make himself rightly the
equine hero of Lancashire.
With such form behind him
Anthony Watt was automatically
given 12 st 7 lb for today's race,
and the question is whether on his
first run this season he is forward
enough to concede from 16 lb to
35 lb to his seven rivals. It is askiing a lot, particularly if the going,
officially forecast as good, becomes

afternoon on his reappearance he would not lose his high reputation. But one of the features of jumppast two months has been the number of victories of horses from Dickinson's Guisburn stable In Lancashire, who were racing for the first time in a new season. The Dickinsons, father and son Michael, are now a strong force in National Hunt racing. Their horses are turned out in great condition and run as well as their

appearance anggests. appearance anggests.

Michael Dickinson, aged 24, the champion amateur in 1970, who in that year decided to ride professionally, does full justice to them.

Were he to become champion jockey in the future, white is not unlikely he would set an a record. ockey in the rature, which is not unlikely, he would sel up a record. At 6ft 2in he is the tallest professional now riding, but somehow he managed last week to get his weight down to 10st 4lh. This afternoon with 12st 7lh on Anthony Watt he can give himself the luxury of a bigger enddle.

of a bigger saddle.

I take Anthony Watt to win from Meridian II. Tartan Tutor, and Scout, on the basis of his class. Ferbaps the chief danger will come from Arthur Stephenson's Scout, who started favourite for the Grand National in March as a result of the County of National in March as a result of a vast amount of money for him during the morning and helf an hour before the race. Scont ran well for more than three miles, bot faded three fences out to finish tenth to Red Rum.

for Tommy Stack in the f division of the Streetlam North Hurdle (1.45), and Ron Barry likely to take the second divis.

(3.15) on Cricket Boot. At Ke Wylam Boy was beaten by extremely useful novice, L'Algand Cricket Bout ran well fo long way at Southwell when f to Master Mint. Three leng covered the first five borses

At Towcester, a penalty she not stop Celuc View from gai; his third consecurive victory the Menio Park Steeplechase. has won his last two race:
December at Newton Ahbott
Cheltenham by seven and
lengths. Raynham, who Spartan, second yesterdar at wick, at Nottingham two w ago, is preferred in the St Handicap Hurdle to Yasou, rur up at Market Rasen to Fixby C Arne Folly and The Snipe sound claims in the John (Handicap Steeplechase (2.30) the Northampton Novices' Hi

Arne Folly was well up with leaders at Chelrenham whet came down two fences from b The Snipe ran with much cat Nottingham when second

Catterick Bridge programme



1.45 STREETLAM HURDLE (Div I : £204 : 2m)

King's ...sesse (Mrs Richardson), W. A. Stephenon, R. Pottertoo (B. Cambidge), Cambidge), 5-11-12 ... P. Salighte Hole (Mrs Maciasgeri), Mactaggari, 5-11-12 Mr Trumpset Bancs (W. Reid), D. Morier, 5-11-12 ... W. Maciasgeri), Mactaggari, 5-11-12 ... W. Maciasgeri), Mactaggari, 5-11-12 ... Salighte (C. Maccane), Maciasgeri), Mactaggari, 5-11-12 ... Salighte (C. Maccane), Maciasgeri, 5-11-12 ... Salighte (C. Maccane), Maccane (Mrs. Maccane), Stephenson ... Stephenson ... Stephenson ... Stephenson ... Salighte (Mrs. Maccane), Stephenson ... Stephenson ... Stephenson ... Salighte (Mrs. Maccane) p200 Mary Jump (D. Dispie). R. E. Pearock, 4-11-7 J. Suthero Master Tod (P. Hini), Miss S. Hall, 4-11-7 D. Sunro Master Tod (P. Hini), Miss S. Hall, 4-11-7 D. Sunro Master Tod (P. Hini), Miss S. Hall, 4-11-7 G. Lockerble, 7 Rhina Klien (M. Hine) Miss Parker, 1-11-7 G. Tinking Reset Chestinet, Mrs Parseell, D. McCain, 4-11-7 G. Grank Sellom Soriu JA. Jaquitsa, D. McCain, 4-11-7 G. Grank Symkys J. Winter, B. Wikinson, 4-11-7 D. Atkins Tudor Gourt (F. Smith), L. Shedden, 4-11-7 M. Barnes Willow Walk [W. Barker, J. Calvert, 1-11-7 Mr Tinkier 7 Roy 5-2 Willow Walk [W. Barker, J. Calvert, 1-11-7 Mr Tinkier 7 Roy 5-2 Willow Walk [W. Barker, J. Calvert, 1-11-7 Mr Tinkier 7 Roy 5-2 Willow Walk [W. Barker, J. Calvert, 1-11-7 Mr Tinkier 7 Roy 5-2 Willow Walk [W. Barker, J. Calvert, 1-11-7 Mr Tinkier 7 Roy 5-2 Willow Walk [W. Barker, Mrs. Master Canada Land [Master] [Master Canada Land [Master] [Master Canada Land [Master] [Master Canada Land [Master] [Master Canada [Master] [Master] [Master Canada [Master] [Master] [Master Canada [Master] [Master] [Master Canada [Master] [Master] [Master] [Master] [Master Canada [Master] [Mast

2.15 ELLERTON STEEPLECHASE (£272 : 2m)

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11 uf Treasure Chart: Mrs dare: Gare: 9-11-11
12 00 Lithin Spice: W. A. Steuhenson: Stephenson: 5-11-9
14 07000 Hever There: L. Irving: F. Barnes, 3-11-0
2-1 Now Wine. 7-3 Gay Kemony. 5-1 Treasure Chart: 8-1 Little: Seller Den. 14-1 Acid Oroo, 20-1 sthers.

2.45 BROMPTON HURDLE (£204: 3m 300yd)

Coing My Way (A. Keirt), J. FitzGerald, 4-11-7 indian Godie (M. Vernor), W. Simpson, J-11-7 Lide Light IW Humler: C. Lamb, 4-11-7 Little Whitchington (J. White), G. Richards, J-11-7 Shwry Bird (Mrs Bird), K. Whitehead, 4-11-7 Simaliten (J. Britton), W. A. Siephenson, 4-11-7 Sky Toer [R. Earl) L-nys Smith, J-11-7 Tragscanth (M. Taylot), Payne, J-11-7 Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Indian Fort. 1.15 Anthony Watt. 1.45 Wrlam Boy. 2.15
Kempley. 2.45 Forest King. 3.15 Cricket Boot.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.15 Cricket Boot.

Veyelin (Mrs Vising), F. Winler, S.10-0.
Benbashl B. Rico: Rice, 5-11-4
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Richars Fire (Mrs Edwards), P. Taylar, 6-11-4
Richars Fire (Mrs Edwards), P. Taylar, 6-11-4
Swinging Chick (R. Moore), P. Boyan, 6-11-4
Tim Ding (Birs Lugg), T. Forsier, 5-11-4
Call Me King (M. Taylor), G. Kindersley, 4-11-0
Equivocal (Mrs Print), D. Ancil, 4-11-0

on (CD) IJ. Murdoch); F. Cundell. 6-1

2.30 JOHN CLARE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £479:

12.30 Persian King. 1.0 Celtic View. 1.30 Rayobam. 2.0 Veyatie. Arne Folly. 3.0 The Soipe.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Raynham. 3.0 Chief Scout.

2.0 NORTHAMPTON HURDLE (Div I: £204: 2m)

Towcester programme

12.50 CARMEL HURDLE (£238: 2m) 17 0024-00 Tatankhamen's Corn IJ. Edwardsi, H. O'Neill, 5-11-7 C. O'Neill 7 Persian Klog (J. Barker), W. Wharton, 4-11-0 ... M. Blackshaw 2-1 Persian King, 7-2 Anglesey Royal. 9-2 Blakedown. 5-1 Hill Leys, 7-1 Stocking, 10-1 Alpine Prince, 15-1 nihets.

1.30 SHARON HURDLE (Handicap): £374: 2m)

1.0 MENLO PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 3m 5-2 Cape Clarendon, 100-50 Satara Posba, 5-1 Master Clive, 7-1 Licto Some Surprise, 9-1 Arne Folly, 25-1 Pangene. 3.0 NORTHAMPTON HURDLE (Div II: £204: 2m) 3.0 NORTHAMPTON HURDLE (Div 11: £204: 2m)

3.0 OSCO Bills Bounty (K. Dudfield), S. Wright, 3-11-4... Wr. Jon

4-p00 Christman Chorue (Mrs. Roberts), D. Barons, 5-11-4... V.

5.0 OSCO Bills Bounty (K. Dudfield), S. Wright, 3-11-4... V.

6.0 OSCO Bills Bounty (K. Dudfield), S. Wright, 3-11-4... V.

7.0 OSCO Bills Bounty (K. Dudfield), S. Wright, 3-11-4... V.

8.0 OSCO Bills Bounty (K. Dudfield), S. Wright, 3-11-4... M. Jan

9.0 OSCO Bills Bounty (K. Dudfield), D. O'Nelli, 6-11-4... M. Jan

9.0 OSCO Bound (K. Tinney), Tinney, 5-11-4... M. Jan

9.0 OSCO Bound (K. Tinney), Tinney, 5-11-4... M. Jan

9.0 Serogan (A. Wissmoni, O. Gandolin, 5-11-4... W. Sho

10.1 Story (G. Brico), O. Ringer, 4-11-0... W. Sho

10.2 OSCO Bills Bounty (G. Brico), O. Ringer, 4-11-0... W.

3-1 Cachireal, 100-50 Pampered Miss, 4-1 The Snipe, 7-7 Bills Bounty (Chief Scoul, 9-1 Serogan, 10-1 Hore Riot, 12-1 others.

Warwick results 2.0 12.1: UPTOH HURDLE (Handicap £442: 2m (12.30 | 12.30| WARWICK STEEPLE-CHASE | 12204: 2m|

14 ran. TOTE: Win, 60p; places, 22p. 23p. 32p. E. Caurage, al Banbury, 1, 12l. 32p. E. Courage, at Banbury. s., 12s.

1.0 (1.11 SHIRLEY STREPLECHASS (DIV: E304: 2mi

smat Lit, b g. by Ebontmeozer—Hill Flame (Queen Mother!, 7-11-9

W. Smith 18-1: (Flame (Queen Mother!, 7-11-9)

Kings Savings, b h. by Kings Leaps—
Savings IMr A. Allwright!, 7-11-6

Vulkrasen, ch. g. by valgan—Philomet IMr B. Brooks! (5-11-9)

ALSO RAN. 3. R. Osvics (12-1)

ALSO RAN. 4. Tay Kinp Credn (fl. 9-2 Hancon. 5-1 All Courage luri. Longy 18-1, 18-1 Luri Lit. 18-1 Vulkrasen. 16-1 Street Savings. 16-1 Arms 16-1 Savings. 16-1 Arms 16-1 Savings. 16-1 S

1.30 11.501 STONELEICH STEEPLE-CHASES (Handicae: E442 5m)

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ALSO RAN: 6-1 Prairio Dog. 8-1

Redders 20y, Merry Maker, 10-1 Bally-hoars Hill (px). 12-1 Mr Wrekin (4th). 16-1 Plora Finching (ff). 20-1 Maniphe. Aport of Kings, Smokeless (pu). Norwell. 15 ran.

KOTE: Win, 20p; pages, 12p, 20p.

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Colombo and be so by Bright as Cold—Shori Bhriff (Mrs R. Ruscell). 5-10-11

Sperian, br S. By Parthin—Resauro (Mr W. Casieriey). 6-10-9

(Also RAN: 13-2 Downing Arms. 8-1

Cibrent Romance, 10-1 Dollyside. 11-1

Kingdom, 12-1 Littlegood Beau (f). 1-1

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2.30 (3.31) SHIRLEY STEEPLECHASE IDIV N £204: 2m) Charley Artile, b. g. by River Princo-Mounwood (Mrs R. Cunningham), 5-11-9... K. B. white 1100-50. Lanky Lad, br. c. by Langton Heath-Flying Mold (Mr D. Hugent) 6-11-2... G. Harrity 55-1 Fractares, b. g. by Pinzari 55-1-1 bash (Mr P. Blackburn), 5-11-2 p. Keane (B-1) ALSO RAN: 7-4 fov Tendalo, 7-2 pcton, 8-1 Speor | 4th | 14-1 Sert's Junice, 25-1 No Trospass, 35-1 Briphton Beau, Mybol, McGleery, 11 ran, TOTE: Win. 33p; places. 18p. £3.06, 65p. T. F. Rimell, el Severn Stoke. 12l, 3t.

5.0 (3.0) HAMPTON HURDLE (Hand) cap: 4-y-o: £272; 2m) Cap. 4-y-o: E272: 2m)

King Heptings b c, by Busted—Weter
Wings [Mr J. Joe]: 10-8

A. Turnell (4-5 fov)

The Denc, b 2. by Agressor—Andrea
(Mr K. Pearce), 10-7

Quickepenny, b f, by Espressor

Neapolitan Lou (Mr B. Cournge), 10-0

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Viding Behil 11c,
M-1 Money Factory, 10-1 Bay Turk,
14-1 Zearbrook, 20-1 Another Venlare,
5-1 Acvola put, City Princess (put),
Feathered Arrow [put), Trettorie, Mr
Mpke, Winuing Sovereign, Balek, Great
Wattz, Mandy Jayno, Cotton Coon (4In),
Warm Wolcoms, 19 Fan. TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 13p, 18p. 21.04, 39p. A. Turnell, al Mariborough. 12i, sh hd. Wild Talk did not run. TOTE DOUBLE: Highland Explorer, Charley Arile, £4.35, TREBLE: Just Lit. Shuring Gaid, King Negture, £64.65. Plumpton results

12.45 (12.47) KEYMER STEEPLE-CHASE 12550 Sm(

Block Tudor, en g, by Acc mi Clubs
—Tudor Lace Mr G. KindersLey). 6-12-0 W. Snownark (10-1)
My Virginlan, ch g, by Thomasin—
Ballintro IMTS L. Winian; 7-11-0
Khan, b G. by Kalydon-Pawnee
(Lord Potersham, 10-12-7
Mr S. Etanhaps (8-1S) 3

ALSO RAH: 9-2 Barmer (pui, 33-1
Craigoos 14th 1.5 ran.

TOTE: Win. 22.19: forecast Ed. 90. TOTE: Win, 82.19; inrecast, £4.90. Kindersicy, at East Gorston, 15i. 1.15 |1.18| HEHFIELD HUROLE

1.15 (1.18) MCHFIELD MUROLE (2004) 2mi) young Dadham, b g, by Constable — Snaw Blossom (Mr. 4. Monre), 7-11-11 (1.10) (2. 1.45 II.45, PETER CAZALET STREPLECHASE ()landicep: 2687 3m '50yd's h. by Pardecep: 2687 3m '60yd h. by Pardecep: 2687

CHASE (\$272 Om (2.45 (2.49) DECEMBER HUI (Handicap: 4-y-o: £442; 2m) Handkap: 4-y-o: £442: 2m)

Biadao, b.c. by High Hat—Selit
Fair 'Mr R. Millei: 11-11

Ektoras, b.c. by Synta Claus—
Handram 'Mr R. Keol. 9-8

Master Butcher Cebbic (4-1) if fat

Master Butcher b.o. by Mandam

—Minnehaba 'Mr E. Tomsoll

10-6 ... M. Stoniev 11-1

ALSO RAN: 3-1 if fav Young R(

2-3 Blue Bidder, 6-1 Just A Cl

10-1 Super Sazon. 'ran.

FOTE: Win. '70n: places. 30n. ''

FOTE: Win. '70n: places. 30n. '' TOTE: Win, 70p: places, 30p. 3.15 (3.1B) DITCHLIHO HUF Bourseaki, ch. m. by Spartan General Wallz: Mr A Schag-Monilloca: 5-11-5 R. Rowell (8-15
Miller Bay, b g. by Lower UswMiller Dam Mrs A. Bowless
7-11-5 M. Bowless
1-7-11-5 M. Wagher 18-1
Mrs Remiss: Mr B. Green:
7-11-5 M. Wagher 18-1
ALSO RAN: 20-1 Free Jeegu
put, 33-1 Sante's Santa 14th. 1
Reign put, 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 16p: places, 10°-p.
forecast, 29-n. Miss 4, Sinclair
Lewes, 61, 51.
TOTE DOUBLE: Gay Kybo, Bk

TOTE: Win 52p: places, 43p. forecast, 52.12. J Cifford, of Fi

Show jumping

World and Olympic champions lead entries for Olympi

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

A field of 30 riders, led by the world champloo, Hartwig Steenken—accompanied from West Germany by Alwin Schockemohle—come under starters' orders at Olympis tonight when the Dunhill international show immping event starts its four-day run.

Qualifying rounds and national champlonships have been held in Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland, 2s well as in Britain, and the only non-starters from the Condinent are Major Raimondo d'Inzeo, whose horses were off form in Brussels last week and have gone straight back to Italy, and Jean-Michel Gand, of France, who has Infinenza. Italy will include ber champion. Dr Vittorio

Orlandi, with Fiorello and Royal Rufus, and the bolder of tha Individual Olympic gold medal, Graziano Mancinelli, with Ringo's Girl end Bel Oiseau, France's pair will be Hubert Parot, with Tic and Port Royal, and Marc Pelissler, with Tourmont B and Deretz. Major Paul Weier and his wife, Monica, head the Swiss contingent, riding respectively Wulf and Hazana Royal and Erbach. Willi Melliger rides John Greenwood's former horse, Ronhe's Boy, and Terrifier, and Johan Friedli hrings Firebird and The Rocket.

From Belginm there is Ferdi Tyteca, with Magnus and Formateur, Francois Mathy, with Gay Luran and Noblesse, and Marc Goosens with Who's Who end Don

Carlo. The lovading force is completed by Nelson Pessoa, of Brazil, with Monsieur Pernod and Alcatraz. Seventeen British riders are headed by David Broome, with Sportsmen and Jagermeister, and include Graham Fletcher (Clare Glen and Tauna Dora), Caroline Bradiey (New Yorker and True Lass), Føddy McMahon (Fanta and Streamline), Malcolm Pyrah

Lass), FBOdy MCMahon (Fanta and Streamline), Malcolm Pyrah (John's Venture and Dallas) and Ted and Elizabeth Edgar. (with Everest Orchid, Everest May Day and Monsieur Rochas). The third husband and wife the state of the state wife team is that of Linnel and Pamels Dunning (with Bonnie Alice, Gray's China. Sugar Fium and Chatterhox).

Marion Mould rides
Gamhle and Dunlynne, and F
land Fernyhough brings A
matic and Three Casties.
British side is completed by J
Greenwood (Loughlinney and
Rucch 11) (Snaffles and Warwick III). I neth Pritchard (Torchlight). I colm Bowey (Partington and H. Hill) and Raymond Hnwe (Baln and Bally Daniel). and Bally Daniel).

Although Harvey Smith, British Dunhill champion and der of the Dunhill Tropby, been rusticated as from vester for three months, two of horses he owns in partneral with Trevor Banks. Harrest C and Speak Easy, will he ridden the young Irishman, Paul Darrest C.

TOTE DOUBLE: Gay Kybo, Bk £26.90. TREALE. Young Ded Good Reisilons. Bouzouki, £5.45.

Another young player runs away from modern day pressures

The England team for tonight's ame has already heen severely seakened by Injuries and the withrawal of players for club matches, eattie would certainly have heen cluded, hut he said: "I am my hu Mr Revie will bave to orget mi for this game. I am just so sbattered to give my best. No se has my ideas of the pressures volved. I have played 150 games i three scasons and lately, when sings haven't gone so well, everyte is on your back wherever you?

"Also my four-week-old ingites wakes us up at four or we every morning. I can't get ick to sleep so I am shattered uring ne day. During the train urney to join the party in Manester all this built up and I
xided to come home in have a
at wih Mum. She is the only
te who understands me. I feel

ray lague games for the re-ainde of this seeson would be locket. This follows the meet-gon Aonday of the League man-emen committee at which the potal Association were also re-

othal Association were also re-esented, which discussed the buble arising from hooligan ared supporters et and outside any grounds when the Man-ester club are visitors. Mt Fardaker said: "I have the sk of organizing what the man-emen committee want to put

emen committee want to put to prictica, and as soon as the ing las been worked out and dified by everybody concerned, e pres will be the first to know, woud be more easy if ill-formel people did not give in-makim to the press about some-ing they do not begin to under-band."

Mr Hudaket added that the FA

vould probably take similar action wer United if they were involved

sevin Beattie, of Ipswich Town, rescreday admitted that be had sucumbed to the pressures of nodern football and instead of rarelling in Aberdeen to play for the England Under-23 team against icolaod tonight had gone to Cadisle to "have a talk with oun". He left his bome in pswich of Mooday and should ave joined the England manager, los Revie, io Manchester but hanged his mind on the train and fiter a night with his parents he fill return home traday hoping that a had not ruined his international areer.

Beattie is 21 tuday and confidered to be one of the best play. It is to be one of the best play. It is in the past few scasons and or all have released their tensions a harmlessly as going to have e int and; game of dominoes with left fathers. It is too easily said at he stouid not have agreed to lay in the match if be felt so ppressed and at least he made elated apologies.

The England team for tonight's ame hat already heen severely eakened by Injuries and the withrawal of players for club matches, eattle would certainly have heen cluded, hut he said. "I am the player when it seemed that the player and mentally that I don't think I conid have given Bagland my best. All I want to do ls to have a rest. But I still love football and still would like to play for England. I only hope Don Revie understands how I feel."

Beattie's mother said: "Kevin is the type of boy who lets things get on top of him and be tends to keep everything to himself. We have had s long chat and I think he did the right thing. I only hope it doesn't affect his career."

Ipswicb Town's manager, Bobby Robson, said last night. "I tried to persuade Beattie to get on a train to Aberdeen to join the Bngland squad, but be a refused on the grounds that he was feeling abartered. The boy as definitely heen suffering from e virus infection that has pulled him down. When he played for ns against Covectry on November 16 it was beyond the call of duty and he subsequently had to withdraw from the full England squad, professional would have discussed the spent a worrying day on Monday when it seemed that the player had disappeared without trace. Mr Revie waited for him et Manchester after bearing that he had missed one train. He waited for another train and then contacted another train and then contacted Ipswich who told him that Beattle was last et the club at midday. Mr Revie said: "We then got in touch with his wife and even she didn't know where he was. She was frantic with worry." All players in England parties are told that they have to telephone or telegram the Fontball Association if they are unable to meet their commitments.

commitments.

When Mr Revie did eventually discover that Beattle was in Carlisle he said he was hopeful that

Mr Man Hardaker, the Football sidering how we can carry out the sague secretary, confirmed requirements mentioned in the sterdy that it was "basically press. Our problem will be to press. Our problem will be to worth it." Also needing a fitness echieve a distribution that will in the state of the state

clude our genuine supporters, but will cut out the hoobgans and this

will cut out the hoofgans and this will be difficult where they do not travel with an official supporters' organization. We shall fesue details when the full Instructions have been received and hope to include an announcement in the programme of Jamary 4."

York City, who entertain United on Saturday, are erecting an eightfoot metal and wire fence behind their Bootham Crescent goal, where the United's 6,000 spectators will be seeregated. The gate bas been limited to 17,500. York's secretary, Mr George Teasdale, said. "I think it is sad that we have had to take this step, but we are determined that our own supporters will be able to watch the match in complete safety."

Manchester United's manager,

Manchester United's manager,
Tommy Docherty, has selected a
14-strong party squad for tonight's
quarter-final League Cup replay
against Middlesbrough at Old
Trafford. He has named the side

licket distribution will set a problem



Kevin Beattle playing dominoes in a Carlisle pub yesterday. Not all have released their tensions as harmlessly.

the player would join the party in time for the match and decided not to select the team until this morning hecause of that. Although he now knows that Beattle will not play, Mr Revie has decided that the team aunouncement must still wait ontil this morning because two of Beattle's club colleagues, Whymark and Johnson, and several other players, are unavailable.

Beattle's powerful midfield play

unavailable.

Beattle's powerful midfield play has been crucial to the success of Ipswich. He is one of the hardest tacklers in the game and puts great physical effort into every match. He has appeared in eight under-23 international matches although only making his first appearance for the Ipswich first

Willey,
Chester's bome replay against
Newcastle United will be another
sell-out for the fourth division
club. Their allocation of 14,500

tickets was sold at the weeken

and a further 2,000 returned from Newcastle were sold yesterday.

Under-23 international Scotland v England (al Aberdeen, 7,30)

FA Cup Second round replay Bournemouth v Wrombe W (7.30)

Town (at Bedford Town, 7.50), REPRISENTATIVE MATCH: United Hospitals v London Bartha lat Stoka Il'Abernon, 2.01.

Rugby Union 'COUNTY CHAMPTONSHIP: Southeast Group Day off: Surrey v Middlesex (7:301: MATCH: Moseley v Newport

Today's fixtures

League Cup
Fifth round replays
Chester v Newcastle
Manchester Utd v Midd

division tesm at the start of the 1972-73 season. Since then he has been seen as e certain candidate for the full England team and it was possible that had he played this evening it would have been on the left side of the defence, which is England's weakest position. The the left side of the defence, which is England's weakest position. The withdrawal of Hudson put doubt on the experiment because Beattle would have been required in midfield, and, if Mr Revie and the Football Association decide to discipline Beattle, it could be some time before the difficulty is solved.

Scotland's manager. William

Scotland's manager, William Ormond, said yesterday that he would not choose his team until he had seen what ground conditions were like in Aberdeen.

Results yesterday

FA Cup FA Cup
Second runnd replays
Boy 111 2 Grimsby (1) 1
Spence Lowis
Duffey (2) 1 Horiston (3) 1
Limber hama to Millwell the (4) 496;
Winners hama to Millwell the (4) 96;
Winners away to Swindon Town
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup (third round): tartford 2 Numeston 3;
Romford 1, Weymouth 1; Wimbledon (1, Cambridgo Ciry 0, First division (1, Cambridgo Ciry 0, First division (narth); Banbury 0, AP Leamington 4, LONDON SENIOR GUP: Third round; Bishop's Stortford 0, Dagenham

1. ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hitchin Town 5. Clapten 1: Tooting and Mitchan 0. Dulwich 5. BUGBY LEAGUE: Floodift cup; Final: Bullord 0. Warringtoo 0.

Derby County directors at their board meeting tomorrow will again discuss the state of the pitch at the Baseball Ground which has come in for renewed criticism. Everton's manager, Billy Bingham, said after Saturday's game et Derby that the pitch was "a mudheap, an absolute disgrace".

Boxing

When victor had to ask himself what went wrong

From Neil Allen Boxing Correspondent Paris, Dec 17

Paris, Dec 17

It is well after midnight in the foyer of e modern, totally impersonal Paris botel. Ken Buchanan, still Buropean lightweight boxing champion, walks in with a towel shrouding his head, covering his grotesquely swollen left eyebrow, which bas just had two stitches inserted in it before he was joited by an anti-tetanns injection in his right thigh.

Buchanan is his own manager.

right thigh.

Buchanan is his own manager, be has been fighting for his place in the sun for many years, and he knows what the British press want as he removed the towel to show his wound. He also knows he needs their company in express the dissatisfaction and frustration from an imperfect title defence against Lennard Tavarez. of France, and the conviction that he is for all his talent, ignored by British hoxing promoters.

France, and the conviction that he is for all his talent, ignored by Bridsh hoxing promoters.

His brother Alan, another boxer, though not with the same dazzling ahility, is asked to get him a coke, and winces at the price. Ken Buchanan sips through hattered lips which cannot bear the sting of an orange juice, juggles the ice cubes around his broken mouth, and occasionally dabs at the mutilated left side of his face. "I don't know what went wrong", be says as wearily as though be had been the loser. Then be starts to work it all out.

Then be starts to work it all out.

"I had nine rounds, no, only six rounds of sparring in preparation for this fight. It materialized only in the last three or four weeks and I was short of sparring partners. I've beaten this guy Tavarez twice before so I thought I'd do him easily. I thought it was just a formality. I tried to knock him out as soon as I could, I made it hard for myself even though he was knackered after eight rounds."

He is sitting with nine reporters as the hall porters peer curiously from behind pillars at the intense young man with the battered face. He holds court alone, trying to find tha reasons why be only stopped Tavarez, with the Frenchman's towel thrown into the ring, after 13 rounds of sometimes desultory action.

after 13 rounds of sometimes desultory action.

"My right didna' come through", the champion from Edinburgh confirms, "Last time I looked this had afterwards it was against Laguna for the world title. I shouldna' be going home like this, I should be fresh and nice. I felt flat, I wasna' conditioned properly. I felt good enough beforehand, but there was something missing."

Bucbanan breaks off to tell us a lot of off the record things ebout the annoyance of not being a lot of off the record things ebout the annoyance of not being invited to box in Britain when yon know yon are the best lightweight in the world and "that big Hungarian stiff" (by which be means heavyweight Joe Bogner) is hogging up all the cash rewards. "Don't quote me," be says about one involved story, "I'll wait until I'm nearly in my grave and then I'll tell that story. They canna' touch yon when yon're dead.

Rugby Union

Selection of teams for final trial indicates a positive approach

By Peter West

This season's international championship will hegin with England, in one respect, at some disadvantage compared with the other bome countries. Scotland have had the opportunity of a trial run against New Zealand, not to mention their contest with Tonga when they fielded e team somewhat helow full strength Ireland picked their best side for the centenary march in September, and again, of course, against New Zealand. But England, facing Ireland et Lansdowne Road in mid-January, will be starting "cold". No wonder that their new coach, John Burgess, is anxious for as many training weekends as be can get.

Against all this, the selection of the two teams for the final trial on Seturday indicates a posicive attitude to current problems, wherein Burgess may be assumed to have played a forthright part. Cotton's nomination as captain of the semor side can only mean that he is intended to lead England in Dublin, whether Pullin, now demoted to the Rest side, plays hooker or not.

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The choice of Geoffrey Richards at full back for the Rest implies that the selectors are willing oot only to back class, but to take a worthwhile risk, for they still have Rosshorough in the senior team. They have at last got Martin Cooper out of their minds as an Englend stand off, and they have plans for the future hy their choice of Alan Wordsworth in the Rest side, as heir apparent to Alan Old,

and by their selection of Neil Bennett as reserve.

Wordsworth is an exciting prospect, bristling with confidence and talent and all the better for a season with Cambridge University and a match for England under-23 against the Tongans, from which he should have acquired valuable experience. He may not be as accomplished an all-round kicker as Bennett, but he is catching up fast. He must be as elusive at close quarters, and quicker over the first few vital yards. He has that priceless gift of all the really good players in his positioo: he can turn on e sixpence.

Old, as the man in possession, clearly must be first choica in the selectors' minds for the Irish match, but in the area trial last Saturday his predilection for kicking for position from the set pieces kept his threequarter line on short commons and be never quite threaded his game into an authoritative whole. He may need to reassert his position on Saturday. With a choice between Preece, Keith Smith, Evans and Warfield, England ought to finish up with a potent mix in the centre. One of their options could he to use Warfield's strength at inside centre, with one of the other three outside him. There is enough talent available, and a fresh enough breeze blowing in coaching attitudes, for Duckham to hope for a fruitful season. His defence at Headingley last Saturday, when he twice caught Alan Richards from behind, was happy evidance of his re-found appetite for the game.

There may not he more than four members of last season's successful England pack who presently can feel absolutely sure of their places. That is not to suggest that with a change here and thera the eventual unit will not be even hetter. It looks as if Peter Wheeler is taking over from John Pullin as hooker.

"Stack" Stevens, with Colin White breathing down his neck. will be anxious to prove that he remains the country's best loose head. However the loose forwards eventually are sorted out, there is enough quality io the three positions for a formidable mix. But England could he in difficulty if anything should happen to Tony Neary. He is in a class on his own on the open side.

From all the full backs available it is noteworthy that the selectors have stood by the trusty Jorden as first replacement of the trial. Wyatt, of Bedford, is elevated to the reserves bench and is unlucky to have Duckham and Morley.

the reserves bench and is unlucky to have Duckham and Morley ahead of him in the left wing queue. The inclusion of Pringle. Rapbael, Mantell, and Cheeseman (the last three named all being England Under-23 caps) is encouragement for up and coming players. players.
Rapbael and Cbeeseman did not play in the area trials, and nor did Ashron, the Orrell and Laubehind, was happy evidance of his

casbire scrum balf, who was re-serve to Steve Smith for the North. The centre, Maxwell, has earoed his place as a final trial replacement with his rugged runniog for the North at Headingley.

Squash rackets

Verow successfully comes through crisis

By Rex Bellamy
Sourash Rackers Correspondent
Peter Verow, aged 21, a medical
student at St Mary's Hospital, who
also happens to be a Bridsh squash
rackers international, reached the
semi-final round of the Bridsh
amateor championalip by bearing
Selwyn Machet, of South Africa,
9—S, 2—9, 9—2, 9—10, 9—1, in
an hour end 13 minutes et
Wemhley last evening. Machet,
seeded sixth, was the third South
African seed to be dismissed by an
onseeded opponent.
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This was a sloppy and erratic match that the cymical might suggest was a good advertisement for the professional game. But there was some excuse for hoth players, particularly for the deficiencies of their footwork—which tended to lead to errors of technique. The ball of Verow's right foot is covered by e buge mass of broken tissue, the remnants of e burst hlister. Machet has been playing throughout the tournament with damaged ligaments in his left foot. He has been having beat treatment and has had the ankle strapped during his matches.

pion's brother), Neven Barbaur (the New Zealand champion). Kim Bruce-Lockhart (the cottish No 1, himself a British international), and then Machet. Born at Barnard Castle, where be was also edu-cated. Verow was twice Brimio's junior champion.

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Though the match was never a particularly attractive spectacle, it did at least have a thrilling crisis es a contest. This came in the fourth game. Machet did well to respond to adversity by gaining a 6—1 lead. At 8—7 he had a game ball. But Verow reasserted his authority and at 9—8 hed a match point but was frustrated when e penalty was awarded sgainst him. Another penalty point gave Machet thet game. But in the fifth Verow quickly fimished the job. He bad a second match point at 8—1 but put a backhand ont of court. At the same score be had a third match point and this time put a cross court hackhand drop sbot into the nick. into the nick.

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All things considered Machet probably did well to justify his seeding by reaching the last eight. He comes from Johannesburg and this is only his second trip to Britain. Equally, Verow, who has never done as well before, has carned a good deal of credit by beating Atlas Khan (the cham-

tors to huild up any excitement.
The championship was poorly promoted in terms of advance publicity, no programmes have appeared, end the scheduling of appeared, end the scheduling of matches in the early rounds was so flexible as to be haphazard. Much of this could charitably he dismissed as teething tronbles. But Wembley has certainly not made an auspicious start as a national bome for the British game.

The presence of that wooderfully gifted and deceptive player, Qamar Zaman, is some compensation for the many drab areas in the pioture this tournament has presented. His victim last evening was Trevor Colyer, of New Zealand, whom he heat 9—3, 10—8, 9—0. Colyer is a good player and a game competitor. But there were times in this match when he clearly had little idea what Zamen was had little idea what Zamen was likely to get up to next—except that it would probably do his own morale and stamina no good at all. This was a charming demonstration of the game's artistic possibilities. Yet it never strayed far from the basic oeed to make an opponent

RESULTS: Quarter final P. G. Verow baat S. M. Machel 9.5, 2.9, 1.2, 9-10, Qamar Zacian i Pakistan besi Colver (NX: 9-5, 10-2), P. N. Ayton besi Mohammed (Pakistan: 9-3, 9-3), 9-2

keep covering a lot of court in a

little time.

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were l'dited if they were involved o away FA Cup games. This position des not arise for the third ound en January 4, when United re at tome to Walsall, and their ext four away League games—at ork, Oldbam, Sunderland and xford—have already been tranged as all-ticker matches. A lianchester United official that the club would not coment until they had been informed Trafford. He has named the side that drew with Orient on Saturday minus Davies, who is cup-tied. Young, James and McCalliog have been edded to the party... Middlesbtough's England Under-23 forward, Mills, may return for the replay. He has been out of ection with a calf injury since November 9 and faces an early motning fitness test. "I have felt no reaction from (CLUB MATCH: MOSCERY V AVAILABLE (T.ZO). (7.20). REPPESENTATIVE MATCH: UAU V Public Schools Wanderers (al Rossbyn Park ground, 7.30). RUGBY LEAGUE; First division: Wigan v Feathersions (7.30). id that the club would not com-lent inhi they had been informed fficially, but later the club secre-uy, ir Leslie Oliver, said: "We are not yet had any official in-rutions from the government or the Football League, but are con-"I bave felt no reaction from my injury and I have stepped up training", said Mills, "If I play Hockey REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London University V Army 12.301.

ly Normen Creek
The annual public schools sixside foothall tournament took
lace yesterday at the Nadonal
Verminster Bank's ground at
lotoury. Once again it was a
riumph of organization as the 32
thools—the ideal number—played
1 groups of four during the
lorning to decide which eight
bould enter the knock-out cometinons for the Corinthian
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The rules are simple: two oints for a wio, and one for a raw in the morning laague ames, and a straight knock out in the afternoon, with corners delding in the event of a draw.

Group G appeared to be the trongest of the eight, with Eton, falvern, Repton and Winthester onteoding for a place in the inals. The pick of the northern chools — Bolton, Manchester, jueen Elizaheth's, Blackburn, and sury—had avoided each other in the preliminary matches, and

lose." Second was the Italian, Paolo de Chicsa, in 1min 51.21sec with respective leg times of 53.43sec and 57.78sec over the course with a vertical drop of 205 metres. "I was 100 cautious the second time", de Chlesa said, "but I thought I could win anyway." Another Trailian Fausto Radici,

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Another Italian, Fausto Radici, was third, His fast second leg time of 57.32sec gave him a total of Imin 57.34sec.

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prominent part.
The morning group matches provided few surprises. Millfield provided few surprises. Millifield could score only one goal in their three games, while Bradfield were narrowly beaten by Bolton. Bleckburn had a close game against Wolverhamption before they lost 3—2. Repton, Eton and Malvern had hard struggles in their group hefore finishing in the order.

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Tha cup and piate competitions took place after lunch. Shrewsbury and Brentwood, who both won all three morning games, were soon eliminated, and it was left to Wolverhamprion and Welling. borough to challenge Bolton and Blackburn in the two final matches. Repton defeated Brentwood hy a single penalty goal, but Shrewsbury went down by 3—0 to Manchester.

Wellinghorough took too much out of themselves when defeeting Lancing, and although they struggled to a narrow semi-final win over John Lyon in the plate, they

Lancashire played its customary

Penalties decide for the first time weer no match for Blackburn in the final of that competition. That victory gave Blackburn the distinction of winning the cup twica and the plate twice in the past four years, e worthy reward for their consistency.

In the last match of e long day, two first teams fought a smaller In the last match of e long day, two tired teams fought a goalless draw. Wild hit a post and then the crossbar for Bolton, but neither side could score. As each of them had forced one corner, penalties were taken for the first time in the history of the competition, and it was fitting that Bolton should score three to Wolverhampton's two.

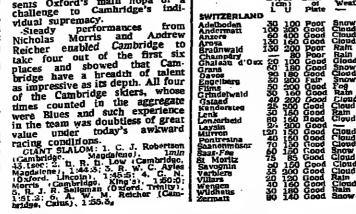
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So it was the Lancashire side whose captain received the cup from the secretary of the Football Association. Results:

CUP: Omerter-finat round: a onton 1. Hulme GS 0; Manchester GS 3. Shrews bury 0; Repton 1. Manchester (SS 3. Shrews bury 0; Repton 1. Manchester 1. Bollow two comers!: Wolverhampton 3. Repton 1. Final: Bollow best Wolverhampton 5. Repton 1. Final: Bollow best Wolverhampton 5. PLATE: Final: Blackburn 4, Wellingborough 0.

Army team for today's match

Northon Hall v Punjabis; Rhyl Liandomo; Newtown or Buckley v Bar gor Gity: Newtown or Pringrit; Bridger v Carditt, Whilchurch v Lianiahon.



Hockey



Manchester und v Minguesarunga (7.50) Scottish Cup First round replay E Sträng v Stenhousemuir (7.50) SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division (North): Chestactisen v Milion Keynes (7.50); King's Lynn v Enderby (7.50); NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop v Galasbedugsh Montsop v Galasbedugsh Worksop v Worksop v Baldock

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Dealers in Paris sugar market get injunction to stop payments

Tate & Lyle Ltd v London International Commodities Clearing House Ltd.

Before Lord Demning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Sir John Pennycuick.

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position resulting from the case of the Paris sugar market on December 2.

Mr L. J. Libbert for Tate & Lyle and Margulies Sugar Ltd; Mr Anthony Evans, QC, and Mr John Beweridge for ACLI International Commodity Services Ltd; Mr David Johnson for R. J. Rouse & Co Ltd; Commodity Analysis Ltd and L. M. Fischel & Co Ltd; Mr John Hohhouse, QC, and Mr Michael Dean for the International Commodities Clearing House Ltd.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the price of sugar; which had been rising, came down rapidly in the latter part of November. The present proceedings were the consequence.

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There had been many transactions on the London and the Paris sugar markets, the majority of which were carried out throngb clearing houses. For instance, Tate & Lyle would be sellers of sugar for delivery three months ahead at a very high price. Those transactions would be made through brokers on the French or the English market. The contracts would he registered with the clearing houses on each side—in England the International Commodities Clearing House Ltd and in France the Caisse de Liquidation. The clearing bouses guaranteed the due performance of the contracts for sale and purchase of sugar hoth as to delivery and as to payment.

Tha court had been told that on December 2 Tate & Lyle had 1,032 open contracts registered with the Caisse—all no doubt future sales arranged when the price was high; hut by then prices to the French buyers had fallen greatly and there was a possibility of a great ioss, so that the English sellers would want to insist on the high prices arranged and duly registered.

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The affidavit evidence sbowed that on December 2 a Mr Nataf, a broker dealing in sugar futures on the Paris market, found himself in difficulties and reported that to the Caisse. The Caisse apparently felt they would not he able to meet their own obligations if the futures sugar market remained open. So the president of the Caisse approached the Commission de Direction, which approached the technical committee and requested them to endorse the closure of the French sugar

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The technical committee refused; but the Commission de Direction, the management committee of the Paris sugar market, closed the market on that day.

That was a serious matter.

Under arocla 22 of the Regulations of the International White Sugar Market (of the Rourse de Sugar Market (of the Bourse de Commerce de Paris) the price should have been fixed forthwith

event, at the latest on the next day after the day of the suspensions before 10 am."

So when the market was closed it was for the technical committee to fix the levels at which contracts were to he closed and accounts settled. Under article 22 "the rate for compensatism shall be the everage values ruling the last 20 market days of the Bourse preceding the official suspension of trading."

So if the market was closed dealings would he settled on the average of the last 20 market days; if there was no closure within the clause they would be dealt with at the latest prices on December 2.

If Tate & Lyle's 1,032 open contracts were to be treated es closed at the prices ruling on December 2 there would he a credit due to them of £2,700,000; hnt if such sales had to be treated at the average price established under cricle 22 there would be edaht due from Tate & Lyle of £4,200,000. According to whether or not article 22 applied the difference would be nearly £7m.

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Ohviously that caused much trouble and controversy, especially as the technical committee had not taken part in the closure and had indeed objected to it. The committee never assessed the price at all, either on the day of the closure or the next day before 10 am.

Many parties came before the president of the tribunal on that application. He was a layman not qualified in law, and the court had heen told in one affidavit that no accurate written record of what the president had said was avail-able in anybody, but the inference was that he ruled on the 20-day average. The affidavir said: "The was that he ruled on the 20-day average. The affidevir said: "The confusion on the occasion of the second application was quite remarkable. A great number of people chose to talk at once, including the president... who frequently could not be heard. Various people present tried to make notes of the president's decision when he gave it, but so far as I know no one has been far as I know no one has been able to assemble an accurate ver-sion of it, although I am advised that it is cepable of taking imme-diate effect."

Trouble then arose with the clearing house because the London bouse felt they had obligations es herween themselves and the French Caisse which they were bound to honour. The Caisse were in credit as against the English clearing house and might debit them with the sums said to be owing on the 20-day average basis, for the clear-

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applied to the Commercial Court for an injunction to restrain the English clearing bouse from making payments in account or otherwise to the Caisse until the confused situation was cleared up in some way or other by the French courts. One reason why that was done was that there was much room for argument as to whether the 20-day figure and the ruling of the tri-hunal president had hinding effect. There was evidence that it was only interiocutory and might not be effective at once. A stay might operate subject to an appeal being lndged, and the like. So until the confusion was cleared up the English client wavered that order.

lish clients wanted that order.

Mr Justice Donaldson beard the Mr Justice Donaldson beard the matter yesterday and directed that the English clearing house give an undertaking that they would not make any payments and so forth to the prejudice of the plaintiffs "save as required by French law". The point had been taken hefore him, as also before their Lordships, that the tribunal president might be right and should be regarded as right or at least accented and that be right and should be regarded as right or et least accepted and that therefore there should be that reservation in the order to enable the English clearing bouse to bonour its undertaking to the Caisse if French lew so required. For it appeared that it must be the trihunals and courts of France and not the English courts which must decide the effect of article 22 and whether it had been properly operated, whether it was valld end

on whether the ruling was right or wrong.

On the appeal, Mr Hohhouse, for the clearing house, still supported a reservation of the kind the judge had made. But it was both unnecessary and undestrable. English clearing house were entitled to ask the court that the position should be preserved intact and nothing done to their prejudice in such a controversial situation. If their views were correct £2,700,000 would be owing to Tate & Lyle; and if the English clearing house paid or settled an account with the Caisse they might not see that money et all—indeed they might be debited with over £4m, which might go against a guarantee which Lloyds Bank had given. That was an instance of the great damage which would occur for the English dealers if the English clearing house paid on the ruling of the tribunal president. As the ruling was confosed, only interlocutory, and subject to appeal, without a writteo record of it, it seemed that the English dealers were entitled to have the position preserved.

His Lordship would therefore allow the eppeal and grant an interim injunction that the defendants their servants and agents in respect of their account and other dealings with the Calsse de Liquidation be restrained until further order from making any

preserved.

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Sentencing guidance in homosexual cases

Cantley

Sentencing guidance to judges in homosexual cases was given by the Court of Appeal when it gave reasons for dismissing an appeal by Peter Charles Willis, aged 24, against sentences totalling five years' imprisonment passed on him at Canterbury Crown Court (Judge Streeter). He had pleaded guilty to buggery with a hoy aged eight (for which he was sentenced to five years) and indeceot assault on a hoy aged nine three years on a hoy aged mine (three years concurrently). Seven other offences of indecent assault on small boys were taken into consideration.

Mr. S. A. Hockman for the appellant

appellant.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the case presented the judge with a difficult sentencing problem. The single judge, giving leave in appeal, had suggested that the court might give guidance. Cases, however, differed widely in their facts and the court did not desire in put judges into sentencing strait jackers.

One difficulty which judges bad in seotencing offenders like the eppellant was their own reactions of revulsion to what the accused had been proved to have done. Right-thinking members of the public had the same reactions and expected judges in their sentences to reflect public ebhortrence of the graver kinds of criminal homosexual acts.

There was a widely held opinion that bomosexual offences involving hoys led to the corruption of the hoys and caused them severe emotional damage. The Sexual Offences Act, 1967, provided that, subject to exceptions, a homusexual act in private should not he an offence, but the most important exception related to participating persons who had not attained 21. That reflected Patiliament's desire to protect the young, even from themselves.

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LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said

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Although pumboments prescribed in the Sexual Offences Act
1956, were reduced in the 1967
Act, life imprisonment was
retained for buggery with a boy
under 16. it followed that judges
should always regard huggery
with boys under 16 as a serious
offence, and the younger the boy
the more serious the offence. It
would seem inappropriate in a
case in which there were no
strong mitigating factors to pass
a sentence which did not result
in immediate loss of liberty, or
with a loss of liberty for only a
few months or a year or so.
In the court's judgment the
sentencing bracket for offences
which had neither aggravating nor
mitigating factors was from three
to five years, and the place in the

Regina v Willis

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Mr
Justice Mocatta and Mr Justice
Cantley

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hrackets depended on ege, intelligence and education. However, few offences had neither aggravating for mitigating factors. Many had both and a judge had to weigh what aggravated against what mitigated. whar mitigated.

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The main aggravating factors—the list was not all-embracing or set out in order of importance—were: (1) physical injury to the boy; (2) emotional and psychological damage; (3) moral corruption; (4) abuse of anthority and trust. The main minigating fectors were: (1) mental imbalance; (2) personality disorders; (3) emotional stress. Much the same approach was appropriate in cases of indecent assault on hoys, but it bad to be remembered that in those cases it was not the label of indecent assault which was important hut the nature of the act. Sentences should reflect the seriousness of the act constituting the indecent assault.

When the facts of the appellant's case were considered against the general principles, both aggravating and mitigating factors were found. When the danger to small hoys was balanced against the mitigating factors the result indicated that the appropriate sentence was one which was likely to keep the appellant out of furnish for a fairly topen wind.

result indicated that the appropriate sentence was one which was likely to keep the appellant out of trouble for a fairly long period and give him enough time to mature mentally, if ever he was going to do so. The sentences passed upon bim achieved that Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal

VAT appeal for Lords Commissinuers of Customs and

Excise v Thorn Electrical Industries Ltd The Divisional Court (the Lord

Chief Justice, Mr Justice Thompson end Mr Justice Mais) granted a end Mr Justice Mals) granted a certificate of "leapfrog" appeal in the House of Lords under section 12(3)(a) of the Administration of Justice Act 1969, from the decision that television rental companies must pay VAT on payments made under hiring agreements made under hiring agreements even though the agreements were made hefore VAT came into existence (The Times, December 6).

Mr Genrge Graham, QC, applying for the certificate, said that tens of millions of pounds could be conceroed, and telephone rentals might be involved, although the point was transient and the position had been clarified by subsequent legislation.

Contitueed from preceding column payment, whether by set off or acceptance of a debit entry or otherwise howsoever, to the detriment of the plaintiffs.

It should be made quite clear that it was "until furthar order", for if the matter should become clear in France and a final decision given in France and a final decision could be made immediately to the Commarcial judge so that no injury would be done to anyone.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, concurring, said that there were millions of pounds involved in the defend, were now pald over by the defend, and the plaintiffs it might be that, as a result of legal proceedings shill to a sums would be found to be payable, or alternatively, some lesser sum than those presently whether moneys now pald would be recovered, having regard to the carrier to a sums would be found to be payable, or alternatively, some lesser sum than those presently whether moneys now pald would be recovered, having regard to the carrier to a sums would be found to be payable, or alternatively, some lesser sum than those presently whe

Second leg victory means The following bockey players have been selected to represent the Army against London University at Motspur Park today.

Captein V. T. M. Smith (RA, captain), 2nd Lieut F. G. Moss I Stafford ahlire Regil), Capi R. H. P. Goodwin I Royal Green Jacketa), Capt P. R. M. Whittington (Rayal Scott), Cpl Chandrakunar Rai (Gurkha Regil), Capi B. J. Sandy (RE), Lieut C. C. M. Stawart (13/12 Humsart), Let K. A. Bouller (RACC H. Let K. A. Bouller (RACC H. Let K. A. Bouller (RACC H. Let K. A. Bouller), Capi J. G. T. Ilewar (Royal Hampshire Regil), agi A. J. Stamp (RE) success for Stenmark operated, whether ft was valld end how far it should apply. His Lord-ship could see serious arguments on whether the ruling was right Madonna di Campiglio, Dec 17. 36: 4. P. Gros (linty), 25: 5. de Chicsa. 22: 6. H. Plank (litaly), 20.—
Inggenar Steinmark, of Sweden. Reuler. On December 11 the Caisse and Mr Nataf made an application to the Tribunal de Commerce de la Seine, to which the technical committee were made defendants. Under article 25 the tribunal had exclusive jurisdiction over disputes arising from a transaction negotiated on the Paris international white sugar market.

Many parties came before the -Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, ame from behind to win the World Cup special slalom event From a Special Correspondent
Davos, Dec 17
Oxford's hopes of e comeback
against the strong Camhridge team
that bad been victorious in the
annual skiing match for the past
two years, were today severely
shaken in the giant slalom which
Camhridge won hy 25.4 seconds
in the team aggregate. Colin
Robertson, the captain, and
Douglas Low did full justice to the
reputation they had earned as the
dynamic strength of Camhridge
skiing, by taking first and second
places respectively with times of
lmin 43.lsec and 1:44.3. In
third place, with a time of 1:45.5,
was Ricbard Ayles, who represents Oxford's main hopa of a
challenge to Cambridge's individual supremacy.
Steady performances from
Nicholas Morris and Andrew
Reicher enabled Cambridge to
take four out of the first six
places and showed that Cambridge have a hreadth of talent
as impressive as its depth. All four
of the Cambridge siders, whose
times counted in the aggregate
were Blues and such experience
in the team was doubtiess of great
value under today's awkward
racing conditions.

CLANT SLALOM: 1.C. J. Robertson
CLANT SLALOM: 1.D. From a Special Correspondent here with a dazzling second leg performance that made him a performance that made him a second faster than anyone elsa. The 18-year-old, who has leapt to the 18-year-old, who has leapt to the front of World Cup skiling this season, was 23rd after the first leg. Attacking all the way, bot keeping supremely cool, he swooped down the 71-gate second leg course in the amazingly fast ome of 56.12scc for a total of lmin 51.02scc.

"I am satisfied", be said, The course was more difficult than in the first leg when I made a lot of mistakes. I skiad well this time, taking every possible risk because I bad nothing to lose."

REI.

Rhyl have heen drawn at home to Llandudno in the third round of the Welsh cup to be played on January 12. The draw:

Snow reports



Mr Stonehouse neither Czech spy nor CIA agent: time for family to be allowed privacy

House of Commons MR HAROLO WILSON, Prime Minister 1 Huyton, Lab), said io a statement: Publicity bas recently been given to allegations that Mr John Stonehouse (Walsall, North, Lah) was spying for the Czecboslo-vak Intelligence service at the time he beld ministerial office. These allegations were first made by a Czechoslovak defector in 1969.

With my approval, the security service investigated these alleg-ations fully at the time. In the course of their inquiries they inter-viewed the defector, and they qustioned Mr Stonehouse about his

Following their investigations the security service advised me at that time that there was no evi-dence to support the allegations. I am today advised again that no evidence to support the allegations has come to light at any time since

then.
There is no truth whatever in reports that Mr Stonehouse was being kept under Investigation or surveillance by the security service at the time of bis disappearance. MR HEATH, Leader of the Opposition 1 Bexley. Sldcup, C)—To make a statement of this kind is To make a statement of this kind is an unusual princedure. (Labour MtPs: "Necessary.") From time to time there ere press stories about intelligence activities and it has been a firmly held rule in the past that Prime Ministers and members of the Government do not make statements about allegations of this kind for the sound reason that it copper un a struction reason that it opens up a situation where all sorts of serious allegations appear in the press to which credence is given if they are not denied in Parliament.

1 hope the Prime Minister will assure the Mouse that this is not to

assure the House that this is not to be taken as a precedent—that when allegations are made in the press of a security kind. a statement has mmediately to be made in the

Mr Wilson bas dealt with one allegation, but there are others on which be has not touched and it still leaves those allegations open for the press to emphasize in stories which are circulating about Mr Stonehouse. I hope further consideration will I nope further consideration wind be given to this matter. As be raised it, can be tell us what inquiries bave been made by the Government about the disappearance of Mr. Scrubburg.

MR WILSON-I agree to this extent—and this extent only—that it is a difficult problem for anyone holding the responsibilities he and I bave both beld to know when to should now be released from the

ance of Mr Stonehouse?

ake statements on these matters distressing pressures causing un-nd when not. necessary pain and anguish to and when not.
In Mr Heath's case it caused considerable surprise when be volunteered a statement that Philby was the third man on that famous occasion. I did not criticize him for saving it because he was obviously speaking with a full sense of responsibility. In this case there has been a serious press campaign—(Labour MPs: "Scurrilous")—based on stories going back to 1969 when I had responsibility in these matters.

One has always to face the possibility that when defectors come out of the country where they have been and find their capital diminished—their intellectual capital of course—they try to revive their memories on these matters. However, nothing has been said this week which was not said in 1969 when the most rigorous in-quiries were made.

time and there was nothing in

Not only was it proved then that Mr Stonebouse bad not been a Czechoslovak spy—indeed that was not the suggestion—but that be was not in any sense a security risk. It is only fair and right to Mr Stonebouse, since so many newspapers have had top front page headlines on this matter, for me to state what I know and to say that I

have been into it.

It does not follow that I shall comment in all future cases. It is a matter for discretion and It is very I have oo information about the disappearance. That is being investigated by the American police anthurities and they are, of course, in touch with ours. I have no information. I only wish I bad, but

I have not. Perhaps Mr Heath bad in mind another issue which bas been printed in the public press with great confidence and certainty. that Mr Stonehouse was an agent of the CIA. He was not an agent of the CIA.

MR MOLLOY (Ealing, North, Lab)—Notwithstanding the comments of the Leader of the Opposition, the majority of MPs, British people and the family and children of John Stonehouse will be grateful to the majority of the state of t ful to him for making the state-The media should respond to his statement in that tarmishing rumours and innuendoes should cease. All the Stonehouse family I think now that the press io question should, rather than hounding them in their homes, and

the anxiety and pressure.

asking children, domestic staff and everybody else the most far-fetched questions about matters which at the end of the day have to be settled by the police authorities in another country, I think it is time they be given a little decent privacy and understanding and some reticence be shown by the press. (Labour cheers.) If it is any belp that I have given this statement, I bope, considering the vards of newsprint devoted to the lie I have disproved, that they

will use newsprint to print the truth in place of the ile.

MR WILSON-I agree with Mr

Molioy. One reason I made the statement was because the public-

ity was not put in the form of innuendo but as statements of alleged fact and I thought it right in the interests, especially, of the family that this should be said. It is causing great discress to them.

I understand that his mother has

a serious heart attack during

Reducing conjecture

MR THORPE (North Devon. L)—We are grateful that Mr Wil-son has made this statement. The son has made this statement. The security procedures to which he alluded are well established and generally accepted in all parts of the House. If Mr Stonehouse were here, he would be in a position to choose whether it was right to make a personal statement or to take other advice.

As he is not here, when alleg-ations of this sort are made against him, if any colleague, including a member of the Government, is able to rebut them, it is generally wel-come out of loyalty to that collea-

gue.

While there are still matters of grave doubt which have to be resolved, the less speculative conjecture there is, the better. MR WILSON—t am most grateful to Mr Thorpe. He is expressing the views of the whole House in this matter. Another point he recognized from what he said was the allegation not added to by any arridance.

I was satisfied by the thorough investigations in which Mr Stone-house gave all possible belp that there was no truth in those allegations. It is obvious to all that had there been a scintilla of evidence. be would not bave remained a member of the Government.

No clear solutions to school transport

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and Malling, C) asked if the Secretary of State for Education and Science All the local authority associ-ations have now submitted views on the recommendations made by had completed his review of policy on concessionary hus fares for schoolchildren. MR ARMSTRONG, Under Secretary (Durham, North-West, Lab) — The Secretary of State's review of

the arrangements for school-children is being limited to the provision of free or assisted trans-port uoder the Education Act, 1944. The question of coocession-ary fares, in the sense of lower free or assisted school transport, is matter for the Secretary of State

C) asked the Secretary of State for

Education and Science what were

the trends in the number of under-

graduates entering universities in

MR PRENTICE (Newham.

North-East, Lab)-The number of

undergraduotes entering univer

sities in Britain Increased from 52,000 in 1965-66 to 65,000 in 1971-72, and has since risen to a provi-sional tural of 71,000 in the current

The average annual rates of in-

rease represented by these figures are 3.4 per cent over the whole period and 2.8 per cent for the last three years. In the latest year the increase is S.2 per cent, due partly to demographic reasnos and partly

to an increase in overseas students MR WINTERTON-What Information has be about the lower-

ing standard of entry to university? Would be comment about the relevance of the Robbins prin-

the relevance of the Robbins prin-ciple and about the NUS proposal

academic year 1974-78.

on the recommendations made by the working party on school trans-port. The Secretary of State will urgently consider the working party's report in consultation with those of his colleagues whose res-ponsibilities are concerned. MR STANLEY-This is a dis-

appointing reply in view of the undertaking to try to produce a statement of Government policy by the Christmas recess. Will be basten the review in the light of concern about the inflexibility of the added) there have been the present system of concession changes that make them out of ary bus fares and the considerable financial bardship it is placing on sideration in our urgent review.

MR WINTERTON (Macclesfield, and ratepayers should meet 100 per what is happening and why the case of the subscription to that ducation and Science what were union?

MR PRENTICE-I do not accept

that there has been a lowering of

hope he will admit that the target which the last Conservative Gov-erument set was also within the

Robbins principle.

Disturbing shortage of science students

which bave been denied. The figures I bave given are broadly consistent with the Robbins principle, I think we are following it through in practice.

On the NUS point, my initial reaction is sceptical but t would like to hear more details.

MR HAMPSON (Ripor figures)

the lowest income families who live just ontside the two and three mlles limit? ...

MR ARMSTRONG-We had hoped to come to a conclusion before the Christmas recess. An analysis of the replies we have had confirms that there are no clear and satisfactory solutions to this difficult and almost intractable problem, I assure him we are giv-ing it the most urgent consideration.

Since the limits were imposed

capetarions of the 1900s are not, the control of the 1900s are that the get more science and engineering graduates for the needs of British industry?

is disturbing. I am not sure that we need an inquiry because we know a great deal about it, and we must do

all we can to encourage good appli-cants for these places.

MR RIFKIND | Edinburgh, Pent-lands. C) asked whether the Secre-

Implications of birth rate on teacher training

MR GUY BARNETT (Green with, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Education and Science for a statement about his policy on the size of classes in primary and

secondary schools.

MR PRENTICE—My aim is to achieve as soon as economic circumstances allow a supply of teachers sufficient to ensure that no class in a maintained primary or secondary school need exceed 30.

MR BARNETT—WILL it be his policy to outlaw the class of over 30 children? There are areas of our primary and secondary schools where there is a neud for classes of considerably less than 30. I think particularly of children with educational disadvantages, children with linguistic and language difficulties, who need to be taught in

much smaller groups.
In the plans he is bringing forward for the future of teacher training and supply, is be bearing this factor fully in mind?

MR PRENTICE—Yes, I can give that assurance. I have referred to the Advisory Council on the Sup-ply and Training of Teachers the implications of the recent birthrate Implications of the recent birthrate projections so that we may review our plans for entry into the colleges in the years ahead.

These plans will be consistent with an improvement in the pupiliteacher ratio, including arriving at a situation within a few years where I hope there will be no classes over 30 and much smaller classes in the kind of circumstances he described.

MR SHELTON (Lambath

MR SHELTON (Lambeth, Streatham, C)—Last April be agreed with the figure of 510,000, the target set by Mrs Thatcher for 1980-81. What figure does be now bave in mind for 1980-81? MR PRENTICE—I did accept the figure of \$10,000. It is now clear that we can reach the objectives to which I have been referring with a rather smaller figure. Precisely what the figure will be will have to be announced after the consultations with the Advisory.

Consultations with the Advisory Council.

When the 1972 White Paper was written it was assumed that the school population by 1980-81 would be 9,600,000. On the latest projections it will be \$,700,000, almost one million children fewer than was then supposed would be the case.

consultations with the Advisory

MR HAMPSON (Ripon, C)—
How can be justify his policies
with regard to colleges of education, rushing them into mergers
and amalgamations, giving them
the chop and now holding a new
axe over their head by threatening
to cut teacher training targets?
The morale of these colleges and
their staffs is being int. Would it
not be better to stick to the \$10,000
target rather than urging expenditure on the reorganization of ture on the reorganization of secondary education?

MR PRENTICE—He had better be careful to make clear that he is not campaigning for large-scale teacher unemployment. The colleges face uncertainties in the period of reorganization. This is difficult for them, but no one can say they are being rusbed into mergers. mergers.

mergers.

Both under the previous and present administrations a great deal of time and care has been taken to discuss with them and with local authorities and others-concerned what would be the right pattern for higher education outside the university sector, including the colleges of education in each locality.

sion programme to ensure they can provide proper facilities, for the students already there.

MR PRENTICE-I acknowledge

that the universities have been

passing through a difficult period

of financial stringency. That is the

reason why last week we announced an additional grant of

announced an additional grant of £15m during the Current year to try to ease some of the problems. We have fixed a lower student target figure for 1980 than was previously the case. This will involve expenditure consistent with the Robbins principle.

MR LANE (Cambridge, C)-

Although last week's announce-ment may be some help, will the Secretary of State go no using this powerful muscle on the Treasury to shield the universities from the

MR PRENTICE-I will certainly

worst effects of inflation?

New tax rules about domicile not to apply to gifts made before Finance Bill was published

MR JOEL BARNET, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Royton, Lab), moving the second reading of the Finance Bill, said the spring Finance Bill this year made a start on the construction of a fair and just tax system. (Conservative protests.) He on death. had never been more convinced that without such a system they could not bope to achieve the unity so desperately needed at this time of crisis. The present Finance Bill continued the tradition of the pre-

vious one. Fairness had been a consistent theme of the Government. They had sought to give a fair deal to pensioners and to families with children. They had taken the first steps towards a fair distribution of income and wealth. They were providing for the nation as e whole to receive a fair share of profits from the North Sea and they were doing their utmost along with the TUC to avoid the greatest unfairness of

aviou the greatest inhalmess of all—mass unemployment.

The Bill was a substantial one, much longer than any attumn finance Bill in recent memory. The main reason was the luclusion of a major and long overdue tax reform, the capital transfer tax.

Too easily avoided

The purpose of the capital ransfer tax was to remedy the deficiencies in the present estate duty by ensuring that there was an effective tax on wealth. Estate duty had been too easily avoided in the past.
The duty had been avoided alto-

gether on estates given away more than seven years before the donor's death. The wealthy and well advised had been able to put their weelth beyond the reach of their weelth beyond the reach of the duty for generations, up to 80 years or more, by putting it in discretionary trusts.

No fairminded person could say It was fair that such a situation should persist. Estate duty was unfair and by its inadequacy it had untair and by its inadequate R had contributed to the other and wider inequality of failing to ensure that the most wealthy had made a pro-per contribution to the nation's revenue.

example not to send the object out of the country—and will be lost no a sale or a breach of the undertak-

wealth a system must be found which reversed these defects. The new tax would apply, subject to certain exemptions, to all transfers of wealth whether made by way of gift during e person's lifetime or

A number of exemptions from the charge were set out in the Bill. He hoped the scope of the reliefs would demonstrate the Government were prepared to be flexible in applying the broad principles of the tax and ensure it would oot bear too onerously on large sec-tions of the community. The most important was the exemption for gifts between husband and wife.

The broad effect of the treatment proposed for gifts to charities and national heritage hodies at death was to give relief on the same scale as at present applied under estate duty.

Works of art

The question of bow works of art remaining in private bands should be treated under capital snoun be treated more capital transfer tax was one which the Government would wish to consider in the light of the decision they took about wealth tax on works of art when they had the benefit of the select committee's advice. Meanwhile the said) we bave decided to continue the existing estate duty exempting for works of art and other objects of a qualifying standard which remain in prirate hands, but so as to apply only to transfers of qualifying objects on death.

The exemption will be condi-tional, as under estate duty, on the giving of certain undertakings—for

The Government had decided to The Government had decided to ease the burden which would fall on transfers of agricultural land owned and farmed by fulltime working farmers. Relief was given where the transferor qualified as a person wholly or mainly engaged in agriculture as a farmer or farm-

savings income was a new impost on this year's savings, and to levy a higher rate of tax on savings income when it exceeded £1,000 a year was highly vindictive. It would put in difficulty many peo-ple who had no person provision

ple who had no pension provision,

but who had to provide for their future by hullding up assets and then living off income.

There were aiready substantial

taxes on capital, and a capital transfer tax did not redistribute

wealth, nor did wealth tax. They concentrated wealth in the hands of the Government. That was the

If they wanted to distribute,

rather than concentrate, a form of tax on the dones would be better, not a tax no the accumulated gifts

It was said that other countries

opposite of redistribution.

of the donor.

the seven precding years. If more than threequarters of the caread income in those years the caread income in those years ple whose legal domicie was obtained from farming the ahroad. qualification was automatic.

The relicf would apply in respect

of land, including farmhouses and buildings occupied for farming, by the transferor for at least two years before the transfer. The retief given would take the form of a reduction of the agricultural arket value of the property to 20 times its gross rental value. But any element of development value in the land would be taxable lo

Amendments

Preparation of the capital transfer tax legislation had been a mammoth task involving the fram ing of a complete new code cover-ing both lifetime transfers and transfers on death to replace the 80-year-old estate duty. As a result of difficulties in framing the tax there were certain matters which there was insufficient time to deal with in the Bill as published.

It was intended to bring forward suitable amendments at committee stage. The intention was to intro-duce provisions to prevent avoiduce provisions to prevent avon-dance by making gifts through the medium of cluse companies, in-cluding transactions involving alterations in the rights attaching to different classes of shares. It was intended to provide relief from the charges on settled prop-erty for trusts set up for the hene-fit of employees for example. erry for trusts set up for the hene-fit of employees, for example, benevolent funds held under dis-cretionary trusts and trusts in tended to give effect to profit shar-ing schemes, funds held on discre-tionary trusts by a number of pro-fessional bodies and a few quasi-professional ones, designed to in-demnify customers and clients against losses due to default by their members, for example, their members, for example, Lloyd's Central Fund and the Law Society Compensation Fund.

A recent letter to The Times pointed out that the Government's pointed out that the Government's proposals to treat people in certain circumstances as domiciled in the

the publication of the Bill by pe

This would be contrary to it undertaking be gave in the sprit Budget debate about gifts traibefore a date to be fixed in the

I undertook (he said) that a g made in that period would exempt from the new tax if would not be chargeable to est: daty if the donor died on the d after making the gift. We intend to honour that undtaking and we shall bring forwar an amendment to Clause 40 ensure that the new rules abo

domicHe do not apply to gi made before December 10, 19 when the Bill was published.

Fundamental changes His understanding was that t crucial new rax would be opon by Conservative MPs. (Conser-tive cheers.) He did not compl about that, Labour Mrs wor and for Labour a fundament change for the good in t country's capital taxes. Labo Extra staff would be needed deal with the work on he cool transfer tax, with the levering the threshold for the hyane income surcharee and on smaller scale, with the provisor relating to life assurance relief; the relief for increase in sto atues. It was estimated that be infa-

Revenue would need one additional staff for these purpo in the current year and a furth 160 in 1975-76. Customs and Eve would not need any extra staff administer the proposal in Bill.

The Gorcoment west det mined to proceed with its task building a farrer sofisting Unit they did this they could an exp the people to unite is wife we consume problem. The seed fairness was central to ill in positions and in particular to Bill, 1 Labour cheers.)

Companies helped to survive but not to invest or later the Chancellor would bave to deal with that problem. The main provision of the Bill on

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Opposition spokesman on econom-ic affairs [Barnet, Finchley, C), said the Chancellor, by putting extra penalties on saving, was aiming at a spendthrift society. He favoured the spender and penaltized the saver. The Bill would have a devastating effect on many charicies.

The Finance Bill must be indged on bow it provided for the problems of today. The rate of inflation was accelerating. Lest December the annual rate of increase was 10.6 per cent, last March it was 13.5 per cent, and titls December it was 18.3 per cent. Next year rates of 25 per cent were Everyone had not grasped fully

Everyone had not grasped fully what these rates would mean for society and institutions if they continued. She wisbed the signs were better that the Government really intended to deal with inflation. The danger of inflation at this rate was that it would lead to massive memployment.

The prime objective of the Chancellor should be to deal with the accelerating rate of inflation.

The immediate problem was to agree on a new accounting system which would show what the true profit was and establishing a proper basis for assessing future need and actions. The immediate problem was that more companies were short of cash to meet their commitlem was that more companies were short of cash to meet their commitments and were having to lay off workers although the position on paper for profits still looked reasonable. For the Chancellor to have done nothing would have meant a large scale loss of jobs and it was that rather than a conversion to the private enterprise system that led him to take the action he did.

he did.

Most people doubted whether Mr Healey had done enough.

By the action the Chancellor bad taken, be bad enabled a number of companies to survive when they might otherwise have become insolvent, but he had not restored their caoacity to invest.

their capacity to invest.

If it was important to invest more, it was important to save more and important that the Chancellor did everything in his power cellor did everything in his power to encourage savings on a considerable scale. Massive reequipment of industry was not likely to be obtained unless those who put their money in did so with money that had retained its value, earned a reasonable return whether by interest or dividend and they were able to keep enough after tax to make saving preferable to spending. Those conditions were not being

met at the moment. Savings were not retaining their value. Sooner

tion of e gift upon marriage. In many other countries; a lower rate was charged for gifts to family than to strangers. The Government did not want children to benefit from the efforts of their parents.

Although there was rempant in-flation, no provision had been made for indexation. The tax would become a preven-The tax would become a prevention of gifts tax. Much land and many companies would remain in the hands of the older generation because they would not make gifts because of the tax and some companies and farms would remain for far too long with the older members of a ramily when it would be better for management to pass them on to the younger generatino. The capital gains and transfer taxes would in many cases lead to much higher rates being payable than under the estates duty.

The effect on agriculture would be devastating. In many cases farmers would have to sell land in order to be able to pass some to the tamily. The old estate duty provisions were much better for the health of farming and were therefore better

lor and his friends were out to destroy the small businessman. Who would buy, other than the Who state? The natino would be living on its seed corn, a sure remedy for calamiry. The Conservatives would fight for small businesses playing their valuable part in the national life.

The Bill's provisions for chari-ties were mean and would put some in difficulties. They would severely affect the setting up of new charities and trusts. The Chancellor could have produced a recipe for recovery. The potential was there; the savings were there; the ability was there but there was a doubt whether the Government wanted a flourishing

Independent private enterprise sec-It was not enough to say that be did. The Chancellor's actions must prove that he did. Until then confidence would not be restored and

lt was said that other conntries had a capital tax and that it was all right for Britain to have one, hut that must be considered in the light of all capital taxes here and overseas. Britain was not low in the league of capital taxes, but very high indeed. They did not need extra taxes. he could only offer a recipe for decline. MISS MARGARET JACKSON (Lincoln, Lab) said the capital transfer tax would bring an impro-One of the peculiarly socialist features of the tax was that children were treated no better than strangers, with the one exceo-

vement in the quality and distribu-tino of wealth. She welcomed a tax which would bear on the wealthy who were at present not carrying anything like a fair share of the tax burden. MR WILLIAM CLARKE (Croydon, South, C) said businessmen were petrified what the Govern-

ment, under the Chancellor, were going to do. The budget had been one of envy. The antagonism towards capitalism in all its facets was one of the factors in the main responsible for the low ehh in which the economy found itself responsible for the low ehh which the economy found itself. The capital gains tax should he hased out. The Government hould do more to belp private enterprise.

There are (be said) many people There are (be said) many people in our society who are not interested in our way of life. Their one object is to overthrow the capitalist system. The Chancellor in doing his tight-rope act between these two sections in his party is damaging the economy.

This Rudget did wothing to help

This Budget did nothing to help business. There were a few sops bere and there, but behind it was the iron fist against capitalism and the small businessman. The need was for confidence, not con trickery. That was why he hoped the Bill would be rejected.

MR POWELL (South Down, UUUC) said they were in a peri-lous condition and the nature of for food production.

The only rational conclusion was their instability.

What was nrgently necessary was from the Bill was that the Chancelthat this country should regain

control of its own economic a monetary future, that they shot regain the ability to stand in th

When inflation was running at per cent, or whatever it might at the moment. In any economication rate of inflation, however the rate of inflation, however was done, must of necessivires in the emergence of a sustant level of unemployment. That we in the nature of things or a simple reason that the decision per cent, would have that cou quence had already been twen. The Government and the Chi cellor had to ask, and had ue rit to receive in doing what everybo knew was their duty, the supp of the House and through t of a country when the inevitale s effects of success in doublest inflation expended

inflation emerged. For too often (be sale) wh that moment came and wien s cess was available to us. rhen could have regained our so respect, time and again when spectre appeared people sad a been prepared—I think it there that the 'ault lay—'c face It is from this debate and t which follows it tomorrow that Chancellor ought to be gren merely advice and exhortation

the promise of support if he d MR SEDGEMORE | Lutor Wes thad staved off unemploying which might result from the defect honders and profess as in British Industry. Even assume be was right over that, it dides explain why he told the Horse few months ago be would reft. the economy and bad now each up by deflating the economy.

An Opposition amenda describing Finance Bill provide as inadequate, and in so respects damaging "was rejected by 312 votes to 269—Governm majority 43.

The Bill was read a second by 303 votes to 13—Government majority 290.

Private Bills

The Port Truc | North Shie Fish Harbour) Bill, the River Will Barrage Bill, and the Crouch B. bour Bill were read the third tip

Rejection of Bill on school leaving age

He said that since he had sought leave to bring in a similar Bill five months ago be bad received over 300 letters from beadmasters and teachers and every one of them was in favour of it.

Education was oriented towards examinations. His contention was that when a 16 year old had taken the CSE or O level, what was the point of keeping him or her on at school? The Bill sought to enable pupils to leave after their exami-There were many children who had made up their minds what to

MR FREUD (Isle of Ely, L) was refused leave by 228 votes to 130 totes to bring in a Bill to amend the school-leaving age to enable certain students to terminate their formal secondary education before the age of 16 years.

He said that since he had course.

There was in his constituency There was in his constituency one enlightened beadmaster who took his post examination students

sbooting courses

MR RICHARD MITCHELL (Southampton, Itchen, Lab) said he believed strongly that they should set a single school-leaving date. He would choose June 1, to operate at the latest in 1976. There had been only a year's experience of the new school leaving age, and the measure suggested in the Bill would make matters worse. It should be decisively

(Laughter.)

Robbins principle. Will be confirm there is a decline in the confirm there is a decline in the number of entrants to universities in the sciences? Is it true that there are 20,000 empty places in science departments of universities? Science lecturers are conceroed that they are having to take atudents of lower standard than they used to. Will he set up an inquiry to see do my best to use my muscle on the Treasury. I sometimes think my life is divided into two parts— one fighting the Treasury and the other having to imitate them. Reserve forces benefits

MR TOMLINSON : (Meriden. Lah) asked the Secretary of State for Defence whether to make arrangements to improve the benefits payable to members of the Reserve Forces or their families in the event of death or injury attributable to aervice. MR WILLIAM RODGERS, Minister of State, said in a written reply: Yes. With effect from April 1, 1974, we are introducing new arrangements to supplement the henefits already payable under the Department of Heakh and Social

Department of Health and Social Security's war pensions scheme in cases where death or injury is attributable to service and arises in the course of peacetime exercises or training.

In cases of death the reservist's widow will receive £382 a year from Defence Votes plus £127 a year each for up to four dependent children; if the reservist is unmartied a single payment of £754 will

ried a single payment of £254 will be made into his estate.

taken until the full process of con-

A reservist who is disabled to a degree requiring his discharge from the Reserve will receive hetween £254 and £509 a year according to degree of disability. These amounts, which will not vary by rank, will be increased from time to time in the same way as pensions increases are applied to other Armed Forces pensions. They may be reduced on account of any damages recovered by the reservist or his dependants. We will ensure that payments are made as quickly as possible in cases which have arisen since April 1, 1974.

Parliamentary Notices House of Lords Today el 2.30: Rebale on davolution for Scotland.

loday at 2.50: Debate on the economy on a mollon for the adjournment. Motion on HLMC.

House of Commons

in schools MR NEWENS (Harlow, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Education and Science how many schemes for the introduction of comprehensive schools had been submitted by local authorities since February, 1974, MR ARMSTRONG, Under Secre

Reorganization

tary, said in e written reply: Since Mr Prentice came into office, 82 statutory notices have been pub-lished under Section 13 of the Edn hished under Section 13 of the Edu-cation Act, 1944, mostly by local education authorities but in aome cases by the governors or pro-moters of voluntary schools, relat-ing to the submission of proposals for 169 accordary comprehensive schools, whether newly established or to be formed by the reorganiza-tion of existing schools. tion of existing schools. .

Of these be hat approved 12 sets of proposals, to give 48 schools, together with 66 sets of proposals submitted during his predecessor's term of office, to give 113 schools.

Alignment of food duties on EEC imports

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Batter-sea, North, Lab) asked the Minis-ter of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food what increases, if any, in-levies or duties on foodstuffs im-ported into the United Kingdom from outside the EEC it was pro-posed to make in January, 1975. MR STRANG—On January 1, 1975, in accordance with our obligations in the Treaty of Accession, the United Kingdom will make its next step towards alignment with the rates of duty in the CCT on imports from third countries. This step is an alignment of 20 per cent in the difference between United Kingdom and CCT duty rates. In some cases this will result in a decrease in duties and in others an increase. Special arrangements will continue to apply to trade with associable Commonwealth coun-

tries and with certain Mediter-ranean countries. Foll details of the rates applicable from January t are contained in the Import Duties [General] (No S) Order, 1974. There are no transitional steps towards EEC price levels for leviable commodities to be taken in January. Actual levies payable vary according to the level of world prices. Because of high prices and the presentations. world prices and the operations of monetary compensatory amounts levies are not currently cherged on many items imported from third

We are however adopting full We are nowever adopting run Community prices for sugar from January 1 because of the present exceptional situation on the world sugar market. Given the present level of world prices import levies will not be payable.

Sorting mail automatically: 9m items a week

MR ATKINSON (Haringey, Total tenham, Lab) asked the Secretion of State for Industry what percentage of letters were automatical sorted using the postcode systematic was the estimated cost belief to the Post Office; and was the estimated cost to industrial commerce and the orbits of side commerce and the public of add a postcode to the normal addres. MR GREGOR MACKENZ Under Secretary, in a writ reply, stated: The Post Office t me about 6 per cent of all mact able mail, or some nine mill ltems a week is at present sor automatically; and that, wi postal mechanization belps reduce the demand for scarce m power, the full financial benefits automatic sorting will not accuntil the network as a whole

Providing effective defence system in line with Britain's resources

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, moved that the House took note of the statement on the defence review made by the Secretary of State for Defence. He said it was not just defence which bad been singled out for which bad been singled out for stringent treatment. Government expenditure as a whole must be restrained to free resources for more productive economic use, particularly for exports and import saving and for productive invest-

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ment.
The objective of the review was The objective of the review was to ensure the maintenance of a modern and effective defence system while reducing its cost as a proportion of their national resources. The Government's proposals put the balance right.

The Government's proposals were hased on the principle that they should concentrate as a first priority on those areas in which

they could most effectively con-tribute to the security of the Nato alliance and the United Kingdom itself. They would maintain and, where necessary, improve the effectiveness of those elements of the forces which were committed to the direct defence of Britaio and the seas around it. The Government were under no

illusions about the threat pre-sented by the Warsaw Pact. The Soviet Union was steadly building up its forces. These factors had strongly influenced their thinking throughout the defence review. They were not proposing to make any reductions in the fighting capability of RAF Germany. Efforts at see would be concentrated where they could most effectively deal with the threat from the increasingly powerful Soviet submarine forces in the east Atlantic and Channel. Final decisions would not be

sultation with their allies and parmers in the Commonwealth had taken place. parmers in the Commonweaum nad taken place.

There were some who would wish to see greater reductions, but such a course would create difficulties for alies in Europe. The defence posture the Government inherited belied Britain's true political and economic streogth. The alm of the Government had been to bring these factors into line over a period which allowed an orderly traosition without jeopardizing central security interests. Our immediate battle lhe went on) is on the economic front; there lies our greatest risk. As in defence we need the cooperation of our allies, so the main responsibility at home is ours to ensure a more sound economic base on which our political and social fabric depends.

LORD CARRINGTON (C),

affairs and defence, said people were only interested in defence when they were threatened and then it was too late to do anything ahout it because preparations should bave been made years ahout If by imprudent savings or polit-

ical ignorance defence cuts put at risk the alliance ou which they depended and their capacity to defend themselves, then much harm would be done. There was one area of saving not mentioned: rationalization and collaboration of development and collaboration of weapons. It was extraordinary that 25 years after the inception of Nato the European armed services still had different concepts of tactics and strategy, leading to different weapons. It

leading to different weapous. It was here that real savings could be

He hoped the Government would

defence and that those who took part in it were essential to the national survival and wellbeing. Whether the Government had done serious damage it was too early to say, but the country would hold them responsible. LORD GLADWYN (L) said in general the Liberals understood the need to streamline defence

dire economic straits, but regretted thet at times electoral rather than strategic considerations seemed to have been responsible for some of the economies.

expenditure in the nation's presen

strengthen collective security and to make the best possible use of existing manpower and resources. LORD CHALFONT said assuming that substantial defence curs had to be made the proposals were sound, booset and businesslike, This was not an extensive review; there must be a review of a fundamental kind which started from the bottom. There must be no sacred cows of ouclear submarines, bases, garrisons, naval dockyards or weapon systems. The review could pose serious questions of morale in the Services. The old recruiting alogan used to be: "Join the Army and see the world". But "Join the Army and see the world". But "Join the Army and get shor at in Ulster" seemed an unstitractive alternative. The effect on recruiting was likely to be account a likely to be account a likely to be account a likely to be account as a much a threat to Britain's security as any threst from outside.

Adequate coal for winter

LORD ORR-EWING (C) asked the Government to admit that whereas at the beginning of last winter there were 35 million tons of solid fuel in stock there were only 21 million tons this winter and it would be wise to launch a major publicity campaign urging people to use the minimum of solid fuel.

LORD BALOGH, Minister of LORD BALOGH, Minister of State for Energy, sald the conditions which applied last winter did not apply this winter. The Government would certainly launch a publicity campaign for energy saving it general. This winter they would have, be hoped, a continuous supply of coal and even severe weather would not interrupt it. LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE asked if that complacent reply amounted to a guarantee for this winter. LORD BALOGH said he would never guarantea anything,

Exclusion order served on five

MR BEITH (Berwick ul Tweed, L) asked the Home Set tary how many people had he served with exclusion orders; h many exclusion orders had busined but not served; and business many peopla had been exclusioned the Northern Ireland (P vention of Terrorism) Act. 19came into effect. MR ROY JENKINS, said in

written reply: Notice of the ming of an exclusion order under Prevention of Terrorism (Temp ary Provisions) Act has because of fine and the provisions of the part of the provisions of the prov served on five people.

Two of these five have he removed and representations milin respect of the other three : under Consideration. In addition have made five exclusion ordenotice of which has not be

Three of the persons concerr are understood to be outside to United Kingdom.

We've always maintained it takes two weeks to really enjoy Silk Cut. Some people don't agree.

In the past, we've always advised new Silk Cut smokers to try out our cigarette for at least a fortnight.

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Iain Campbell is, as is evident from his photograph, a keen gardener:

And as such appreciates that good things sometimes take a little time to blossom.

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It having taken her a month.





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Why universities may be forced to lower their standards

The Associotion of University
Teochers, which has 27,000 members, meets in Bath today ot a time when universities are more under threat from financial starvation and national ill-will than they have ever heen before. Professor William Wallace, a pro-Vice-Chancellor of the New University of Ulster. Coleraine, and this year's

president of the association argues that universities provide a vital service, which the nation cannot offord to do without.

Most British institutioos are susceptible to caricature, and none more so than the universities. Bespectacled old gentlemen in gowns and mortarboards arguing abstruse irrele-vancies against a background of gothic towers; scruffy, lunghaired undergraduates rampaging through glass and concrete administrative hlocks: these are the stock-in-trade of the critics. Other institutions are equally vulnerable. The trade unions, for example, receive their share of abuse. But they can hit back and protect their interests in a way the universi-nes cannot. If power workers strike, governments and the public pay heed to their demands. If universities teeter uoder inflation, governments and the public admonish them and bid them do more with less. The possible decline of the universities carries no immediately obvious threat in the welfare of the nation.

The decline is not quite under way. The quioquennial settlemeot was less than reasonable, but some developments could he postponed and others slowed down. Supplementation slowed down. Supplementation for ioflatioo was removed at the very moment that inflatioo started spiralling, but reserves could he run down and universities could go over to deficit financing. The University Graots Committee chuld throw in the small fund it bad set aside to encourage innovatioo, and the Government could add and the Government could add a little more to compensate for having calculated too savage a non-supplementation cut. But with major deficits destined for the eod of this academic year and crippling ones for the year after, real and rapid decline is horrifyingly near.

several years now all universities have been searching out ways of saving money. Inflation apart, it has heen very difficult in face of the increasing sophistication of both teach ing and research and the rising expectations of both students and the public at large. No doubt more can be done through increased rationalizatioo and greater cooperation. particularly where institutions are fairly close to one another. But there are limits, to gn beyond which would destroy the comprehensive and corporate nature of individual universities.

frequently overlooked. An ants and civil servants they turn annual expenditure of more out are not to be sub-standard than £400m on staff, buildings and therefore damaging to the and facilities carries greater significance when broken down £45m for Sussex, £3-4m for Lancaster, or £2-3m for Stirling. The annual output of highly skilled manpower is now quite staggering, not far short of 60,000 with first degrees or of 15,000 with bigher degrees. About 50 per cent of those with

first degrees are in pure or applied science, including medicine, and about 60 per cent of those with higher degrees. Some of those with first degrees immediately go on for higher degrees, and some with either go ahroad. But altogether about 9,000 enter engineering, chemicals and manufacturing industries in general, and about 1,000 each enter commerce, banking and accountancy.

The welfare state and the public services also depend heavily upon the output of graduates. The 3,000 ductors and dentists are already insufficient to meet the annual needs of the health service. Central government absorbs 1,000 graduates a year and local government 3,000. More than 1,000 take up legal practice, and more than 10,000 go into one level or another of education.

Contrary in fashionable belief there is no shortage of good or potential applicants for university places. Despite the alterna-tive opportunities offered by pnlyrechnics and other institu-tions of bigher education the

number of students admitted

this October has again increased

on the previous year. If some universities had to close down, the remainder would have difficulty maintain-ing the present level of output, let alooe increasing it or going seriously into the field of continuing education. But it is doubtful whether any government would want to face the political consequences of closures, or could even contemplate them given the arguments and forces that would be ranged against them. If all the existing universities were given just nough supplementation to stay in husioess, it is equally certain that they could not cope with rising numbers, or indeed cope properly with what they are at

ernment economy and accelerating inflation, they will have no alternative but to reduce the standard of the education they provide. Ooce all the economizing and redeploying bas been done, there still needs to be substantial supplementation all that is required of them in the teaching and research in the next crucial decade of reassessment and recovery.

William V. Wallace

'Ore te kimaasai aisidai ankaini oleng'

The importance of the —and reparation—if the techno-universities to the economy is logists and economists, consultindustrial and social fahric of

Britain. The importance of university research is also underrated. About one-eighth of the universities' recurrent expenditure is provided under grant or con-tract by outside bodies specifically for research. But that is only the tip of the iceherg. The whole system of university financing is based on the inter-dependence and inextricability of reaching and research; and academic staff spend upwards of a third of their time (much of it "out of hours") on research of one kind or another. Exploring the energy field and applying discoveries has deapplying discoveries has depended in large measure on the universities, as have advances in medicine, in the understand-iog and safeguardiog of the en-vironment, and in the protec-tion of the socially disadvantaged and the treatment of the

sncially sick.

All this is now in jeopardy.

The fall in public funding is worsened by the reduced hudgets of the research councils and the investment difficulties of many of the private trusts. It may be no loss if some of the more esoteric and much-criticized research projects go to the wall. But any serious decline in the research activity of British universities would not only lower the standard of their graduate output hut would seriously impair the international competitiveness of the British economy and the quality of life of the British people.

No one would argue that there is perfection in the univer-sities. Some of the caricatures are not caricatures at all. However, the universities are fully alive to the realities of Britain's domestic and international situation, and they are anxious to be able to make their contribution to retrieving it and to helping mankind at large. They are wil-ling to make sensible economies. They are trying to improve themselves as, for example, the Nuffield investigation into junovation in higher education is already showing. But they can-not accept that their currency must be debased. It is appropriate rather than

people.

property with what they are at present.

But the crux of the matter is that, unless the universites are restored to something like the comparative financial position they had before they were caught up in the scissors of government economy and accelerate the universities have no weapons other than reasoned inquiry and discussion. All they ask of the government and the public is reason in return. There is urgent need of informed debate and meaningful negotiation to the universities. unfortunate that the universities and meaningful negotiation to enable the universities to do all that is required of them in

Ronald Butt

An economic tightrope for Labour

In its debate on the economy gets (say) 30 per cent, the today, the House of Commons special advantage that these has to address itself to a very groups ought to have would be simple constitute. simple question. With the nation staggering near the brink of the worst economic crisis of the century, is Mr

Healey justified in his reliance on his search for Arab cooperation, and on the social con-tract and his recent public expenditure cuts at home, to pull the nation back to comparative safety? The Chancellor's direct and diendly approach to the Arabs may well pay off, for there is little . iendly support among America's allies for Dr Kissinger's wish to wield a collective cudgel of consumer resistance against tha oil producers.

Yet since the Chancellor came back from Saudi Arabia in an apparent mood of ebullience, the Government has almost seemed to be using his optimism as a justification for diverting attention from that part of Britain's inflationary problem that is generated at home—and it is the consequence of this attitude that the Commons have to scrutinize. Dare the Government rely in on the social contract; there other things that 1975 should be done and, if so, why will the Government not do

The rationale of the Govern-ment's resistance to doing more starts from its assertion that our domestic problem is one of inflation, but not one of excess demand. It therefore in sists that deflationary measures which would damage produc-tivity are ruled out; that the wage increases must be kept within manageable limits by the social contract; and that so far, the social contract (the miners excepted) is not doing too hadly even if it is not doing as well as might be hoped.

However, it is a question whether the social contract, even if it works as well as possible within the Government's definition of it, is an adequate policy. In this respect, Mr Michael Foot's party political hroadcast last week was illuminating Essentially, what he bad to say was this. The Govern-ment is prepared to concede extra high wages to deserving cases (the miners, the bakers and the nurses) but if everyone

lost, prices would be pushed up all round, and a slump would be hrought nearer.

Therefore, said Mr Foot, the wages aspect of the social con-tract was vital—but the way in which he defined this was significant. He pointed out that there was no room for any increase (and he underlined the word in his text) in living standards. Wage settlements must be on the basis of keeping pace with the cost of living and no more, and also on the basis of making new wage settlements only every 12 months.

Yet even if the social contract works according to Mr Foor's definition, it is surely a question whether, if it does sustain living standards it will an adequate economic defence.

wage increases enable If people to sustain the same standard of living on the basis of rising important prices, the danger is that we shall con-tinue to build external inflation into our own economic struc-On this analysis, it is ture. arguable that wage settlements ought to be marginally below what is necessary to sustain the standard of living, with the result that people reduce their consumption, if inflation is to checked. Whitehall's answer to this, in

justification of the present policy, is that it would of course be a correct analysis if import prices rose beyond a certain rate, but the hope is that the rise in raw materials will hegin to ease off and that tha oil oroducers will be reasonable. Given no great worsening of the external position, the ergument runs, a social contract that keeps wages in line with the rise in the cost of living should be enough to conquer inflation gradually assuming an annual productivity increase of between 2 and 3 per cent. This should give producers an annual 2 or 3 per cent improvement cent improvement in passed on to consumers, would

mean the gradual conquest of inflation over a period of time. How long this would take is, conld culminate in a catastropbe based nn a wages explosion in the middle of an industrial of course, a key question and the answer depends on various



Mr Foot: A wage freeze would

uncertain factors such as import prices and the develop-ment of wage settlements over the next year—but even the optimists concede that 1975 will

he a bad and dangerous year. Put like this, it hardly needs stressing how fragile a defence is the concept of a nicely halanced social contract on wages which seems to promise maintaining living standaros— and this would he true even if the social contract worked as well as the Government hopes which, of course, it is not doing. In this situation, the economic forecasters of the Treasury know that, while it is possible to write an optimistic sceoario based on Arah cooperation and the social contract at the end of which we should be "rescued" by North Sea oil, it is also possible to write a pessimistic scenario which, at worst

the Micawberish optimism that is an occupational hazard of ministers, the pessimistic scenario must appear the more likely with the unions in their present mood, and one suspects thar this would also be the analysis to which the Treasury would primarily address itself if loyalty to its political masters did not constrain it. Howaver, the truth is that officials, like ministers, are bound by the simple fact that even if they agreed that something more ought to he done now, there appears to be nothing that could he done at this moment

because of the political con-straints on the Government. Further deflationary measures are ruled out because of the Government's commitment to employment and joh protection

even though Mr Benn's
extreme version of job protection, regardless of the economic price, has had a sethack with his enforced abandonment of his bones of saving the HS146, he bad hoped to save which he bad hoped to save with Government money. The fact is that rescuing the jobs that men are already in is a major consideration for the Labour Government as a whole. Similarly, realistic pricing policies still have to be subordinated to the "social contract" on wages. The measure thar Whitehall (left to its own devices) would, one suspects, he most prone to consider, therefore, is a sbort wage freeze which would not be followed by which would not be followed by the kind of statutory policy for incomes which caused the Tories so much trouble. But Mr Wilson is over and over again pledged against such a policy (at any rate until the crisis has already hurst) and the officials who write it into their various contingency plans know that at the moment a wage freeze is politically not "on". It is uoderstood that such a policy would mean the departure from the Government of Mr Foot, because of his close with the union hierarchy. And though it does not neces-sarily followed that Mr Benn, whose syndicalist responses to the shop floor represent a dif-ferent hrand of leftism from Mr Foot's, would go with him— the fact is that a wages freeze would split the Labour Party,

To anyone not afflicted by even if it were adopted in a dire

So, almost certainly, would the use of the price code to penalize employers who con-ceded wage claims outside the social contract (ao idea already floated by Mrs Shirley Wil liams) or of making such additional pay snhject to extra tax on the recipient. Although no such propositions have heer formally put to ministers, they bave been canvassed in White ball contingency planning pap ers and left-wing ministers have reacted very angrily even to discussion of the idea.

Finally, we have the possi bility of import controls to re duce internal consumption pet haps with the rationing of some raw material and fuel. Thi idea is not simply antipathetito ministers afraid of its de flationary impact, or the Con sequences for the Commo Market negotiations. The ide plainly also causes the Treasur to shudder-much more than wages freeze would—since it i against all the prevailing wis

Not only are the Governmen and its officials afraid o economic reprisals, and of pro voking a world slump, but the also believe that it would worsen the wages position a home because it would mean that we cut out the goods tha are cheapest to import.

So, for political reasons, the Government rests oo its presen policies. It is a situation a plain as it is hizarre. Even if th Government, on the present evidence, was inclined to helieve in the pessimisti scenario of the future, the poltical constraints on its ow actions by the Labour Part and trade union feeling woul prevent it from taking ao further action unless a storr hreaks. Only if and when thi happens will it perhaps hav the freedom to do so-aod the at great potential cost to th Lahour Party. That is the situation to which the House c Commons dahates the ecocom today. It is not one that is pre possessing in terms of deme cratic politics or that give much ground for hope the things will be hetter before the

Bernard Levin

Wild imaginings that see a baby as a guerrilla

The most extraordinary thing about the remark that Dr Bridger Rose Dugdale is reported to have made at the first sight of ber new-born son—
"He's going to be a guerrilla"
—is that she prohably did make
it. Indeed, it is quite possible
that it was not even said with "He's going to he a guerrilla"
may actually have been the first
thing sbe thought when she saw her child. For

Cruelto has a human And Jealousy a human face; Terror the human form divine, And Secrecy the human dress.

And it is therefore not at all impossible that Dr Dugdale is so far removed from consciousness of ber own inadequacy, so unable to see the nasty futility of her own life, so achingly devoid of any trace of a sense of humour, that all she could see in the infant was something as mad, bad and dangerous to know as berself. One would not expect Dr Dugdale to declare that her son was a little hundle of joy sent by the angels, nor that his tiny fingers and toes were as beautiful as fairies footprints; nor would one expect her to aunounce his birth in the appropriate column of The Times. All the same, eveo for a woman whose most notable achievements to date have heen to rob her own parents and then to rerrify two gentle

The churches are to promote a

Frugality Campaign in Britain in the coming year with the idea that families will deny themselves a meal a day or a meal a week and devote the proceeds to Third World aid.

Lailan Young, who has just returned from India, asked people there (though not the starving ones) what they thought of the plan:

A driver in Calcutta, who sends half his earnings hack to his impoverished family in

Bihar, was not going to scorn halp from any quarter. "Even

small amounts can help a lit-tle", he said, but added: "The first help should come from

Richer Indians often disa-greed. Professor Chaturvedi of

greed. Professor Chaturved of the Benares Institute of Medi-cal Sciences said: "This small gesture will not help a big pro-hlem. It is to belp their own ego; a country which ruled us ruthlessly for 150 years cannot think of us now." Another pro-fessor at the same institute

fessor at the same institute said: "The British would not dare offer such things to China."

does not make any difference

facturing oral contraceptives denied any belief in charity:

"It is better to teach a man to

fish then to give him a fish",

he said, unconsciously echoing charity advertising in Britain. A guide in Darjeeling said

that by giving the British could teach rich Indians a les-

son in generosity, and the director of a hotel in Benares was enthusiastic: "If people all over the world did this and

missed a meal a week everyone in the world could be fed."

Mother Teresa said that her organization has got 26 ambu-

lances to minister to 46,000 lepers in their care from peo-

people and steal their pictures, probably for no better reason than that in her poor, broken mind the people represented her parents and the pictures something as eternal and immntable as her beliefs are insubstantial and ram-shackle, you might suppose that her first thought at the sight of her first-born would he something less fatuous

anyone who found anything odd in such a response to the sight of ber new-born child. The "revverlation" is all that matters, and for her I suppose, a be a credit to ber parents; no baby is not, as it might be to doubt it did not cross her mind other women who had just that the child would grow up given birth, a creature who to be a violent termagant in might take any one of a a rotteo cause. Is it not possible, million parks through life that the D Duddle's son may paths through life, who might achieve fame or happiness or suffer pain or failure, but an empty vessel into which she will pour all her ignor-ance, all ber desperate need to turn her self-hatred outwards, all her intolerance and dark desire to inflict pain, until the vessel is full of it and it spills over into the same waste and folly as she has made of her own life. She thinks of herself as a guerrilla, though in truth she is nothing but a fool: so she thinks of her son as a guerrilla, though in truth he is noth-

One might think that even a woman as confused as Dr Dugdale would stop for a moment and think of her own hirth and of ber own parents. It is not recorded what her mother's first words after giving

birth were, though I think it is unlikely that they were "Sbe's going to he a fascist-capitalist - imperialist - bandit", "He's going to be a guer-rilla." No doubt Dr Dugdale that they contained even a would dismiss with contempt passing guess at what she did in the end become. No doubt, human nature being what It is, Dr Dugdale's mother hoped that her daughter would grow up to then, that Dr Dugdale's son may grow up to be somethiog less than a credit to his parents, that he might, while loving bls mother no less than her parents still clearly love her, confound her hopes by becoming say, a stockbroker, an army officer, or a poet? She will, of course, do har best to inculcate him with the bent and grubby values by which she lives; hut then, ber parents did their best to imhue ber with the spirit of the straight and honourable values by which they lived, and although of course she would reverse those pairs of adjec-

doing so might not, in tives, itself, itself, he quite enough to ensure that her proud boast— "He's going to he a guerrilla" —is fulfilled. Feeling sorry for Dr Dugdale,

which I do and which I hope any person of sensibility would, is presumably something that would make her much angrier than hatred and denunciation. However just a prison sentence may he, and however impos-sible it may be to bave people like that walking about free to he a menace to everybody else, the sheer horribleness of lock-ing human heings up in a cage, whatever they have done, still comes into any contemplation of crime and punishment. How much more, then, must one feel sdrry for Dr Dugdale. In the first place, she committed ber crimes because ber poor, soft, impressionable head had been so crammed with crazy rubbish by ber lover and her own psychological problems that everything else was pushed out of it had of it. And in the second place, of course, she bas given hirth to a child in prison, and since it is inconceivable that the Irish anthorities will allow the child to grow up in prison, there will come a parting which for her will be doubly bitter in that it will not only be the parting of a mother from her child hut will inevitably torment her with the conviction that he will be

taught to hate her rubbish cause. I bope myself that he will not need to be taught that I bope that he will conclude when he is old enough to thin about such things, that a caus which leads to such empty beastly behaviour as his mother was involved in must he a caus to sbun, though I hope he do oot go on from that conclusion to sbun his mother, too.

It may be, of course, that I will grow up to be a credit ber in a sense different fro that which she would uode stand, and instead of heing guerrilla will be the instrumen of rescuing her from the me tal morass in which she w; lows; perhaps he will, throug example if not through arg ment, show her, in the moliteral sense of the old word the error of her ways. Perhap yet the only thing of which v. can be certain is that anyon who will undertake to say of tainly what a newborn chi will become is likely to be co founded; there is no reason suppose that Dr Dugdale any exception to that prot sition, and therefore ber so though he may indeed turn 0 as she hopes, is much mo likely not to. "He's going to a guerrilla", is be? Has Dugdale thought of the ultima borror, the possibility that oright he a priest? C Times Newspaper Ltd, 19



In Granada Television's Disappearing World series, the people speak for themselves. Sub-titles explain the meaning of what the men and women of the tribal societies are saying, but viewers have the pleasure of bearing the way they say it. A simple technique. hut one which shows that the human voice can be ss important as words in communicating

Here is what some of the critics have said:

'Granada's Disappearing World is going a lung way towards rehabilitating the image of "savages", partly because of the quality of anthropological reports on the lines of The Musui, and partly because the simple expedient of using sub-titles gives us direct access to the timbre of their language'. Sunday Times (Peter Lennon)

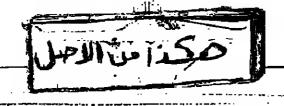
'... the excellent Disappearing World has by now led us to expect the bonus of talk, with sub-titles'. The Observer (Clive James)

'... I can't remember seeing a documentary that got so well beyond the superficial to reveal the living sinews of a fascinating way of life'. Daily Express (James Murray) 'This was an unusually clear and vivid picture of life in a tribal society based on

intimate knowledge'. Daily Telegraph (Sylvia Clayton) 'Shutting your eyes, you can still see flying bodies, naked but for the shine of oil or the pattern of paint. Women laughing over their shoulders, children collapsing with giggles, families talking together in their hammocks in the evening while the clouds turned puffed and pearly ... Games, games. Regardless of their doom the little victims play. Though, it seems, the men at least know that a highway is to be driven within a mile of their village in a year or two, and when it comes they are finished. All Granada can dn and is doing is to preserve them in amber'. The Guardian (Nancy Banks-Smith)

The final programme in the current Disappearing World series - The Sakuddei is on Independent Television tonight at 9 o'clock

GRANADA TELEVISION



The Times Diary

ing but a haby.

Going hungry to help the starving

week. Tha Reverend Suhir Biswas, dean of Calcutta Cathedral and director of their relief mission, said: "You have to feel it before you can do anything. Anyone who has given up a major meal a day feels it. We do it here at the cathedral to remind ourselves what it feels like."

Christian Aid, in Britain, say they are oot going to make their major launch of the Fru-gality Campaign until after Christmas.

Not serious

An assistant editor of The Statesman in Calcutta did not There was a nasty scene at the like international charity: "It will be international charity: "It w during a concert of and it creates a false impression of peoplt fulfilling their refugees.

moral obligation." The financial director of a firm manuers and music in aid of Cyprus refugees. Ian Hendry, the actor, left the stage to some jeers and bouing after a confused 20-minute performance of readings and jokes which offended many of the 3,000 people in the audience.

Hendry bad not been scheduled to appear in the programme. He did so at the last minuta suggestion of Stavros Xarcbakos, the Greek conductor. Xarchakos wrote the music for the recent television series, The Lotus Eaters, in which Heodry played an alcoholic living in Crete.

It was Hendry's light hearted approach which first alienated the audience, among whom were the Cyprus High Commissioner and Greek Ambassaple who had given up a meal a dor. He began with a joke

about "wben l was a little girl...".
George Lanitis, the press chunsellor at the Cyprus High Commission and vice-chairman

of the Anglo-Cypriot Society, said yesterday: "People went there to pay bomage to the refugees. It was a serious affair and he wasn't serious.

As far as we were concerned it was rather unfortunate that ha was there."

Hendry came on stage and sat on a high stool. According to one member of the audience he rambled in an incoharent way about his gardy consistence at about his early experiences at the Alhert Hall". This is when the heckling started. "Hendry, you're boring us", one man shouted.

Then he read a poem by a young refugee and further angered some spectators by appearing to be dismissive about it. He followed this with what he described as a poetic composition of his own, which some Greeks and Cypriots found incompreheosible.

There were further jeers and groans at this point. "Get off", some people shouted. W. B. Whitworth of Much Had ham spotted this novel gift idea in the Christmas gift guide in The Times last Saturday: "Girl

Uncharitable

to join ski party. . . .

Sales of charity Christmas cards in London have dropped by some 25 per cent this year. Fart of the shortfall is prohably due to the failure of the Charity Christmas Card Council-which represents 105 charities—to open its outlets on time. The opening of four of the seven outlets was delayed by at least a week and takings are down by £20,000.

One factor in the failure to open the outlets on time was apparently a disagreement apparently a disagreement among council members about suitable sites. Each year, sites are lent to the council by husi-



Last year the couocil began selling cards in London on October 8 and between then and December 7 did £79,000-worth of husiness. This year it began on October 14 and between then and December 7 did £60,430worth of business

Rude, nasty

The Bear Gardens Museum in Southwark has a Christmas show appropriate to its antecedents if not to the good will of the season. A Very Rude and Nasty Pleasure takes its title from Pepys and is an exhibition devoted to the history of fighting dogs, and of bull and hear haitiog-ferocious sports for which the Southwark Bear Garden was a popular centre from Tudor

operation with the Southern tomorrow.

Counties Staffordshire Bull Trier Society, and dead dogs several ugly and pugnacio breeds play a prominent part it. There is also a stuffed be which looks as if it had be baited with mothhalls.

A tribute to the British budog, Canis Pugnax, says threed is magnificent, ancie rare, much maligned and mu misunderstood. "The hold and most resolute of animals." there is nothing a good hulld will not attack with mat-less courage he will give up of with life itself ". Sadly su sterling British qualities are i for export: "This noble d becomes degenerate abroad"

Sporting

When is a festival an arts fe val? Local authorities have (ferent ideas on the subje according to today's Arts Co cil report on local spending

the arts and museums.
"Despite reluctantly exching primarily stomach-orieo feasts, it may be that some the figures listed include mor spent on oxen (for roastit and pigs (for bowling for) a other ingredients in the gast nomic arts," says the repor-Contributions to Christm street lighting were omit Contributions to the Engl Folk Dance and Song Sociare iocluded, although, by 30 quirk in our cultural histo this body is grant-aided by Sports Council, not the A Council.

l am sorry that I diagnor Lard Olivier's illness wron, pesterdoy. He is suffering ! from muscular inflation from musculor though I expect that, like t rest of us, he is suffering in inflation also. Get well soo

Raymond Fletcher's weel... The show was arranged in co- column will appear on this poNew Printing House Square, London, WCIX 8EZ. Telephone: 01-837 1234

HE NEVER GOES

The changes in the procedure for ducing no conclusive result. Thus the selection of the leader of the Conservative Party are important for the future but they are not very likely to produce a result different from the one that might have been expected under the old procedure. On the first ballot the leading candidate will have to receive both an overall majority and 15 per cent more of the votes of those entitled to vote than any other candidate, if be is to be elected. Under the old procedure he bad to receive an overall majority and a 15 per cent margin, not from those enotied to vote but from those

actually voting.

The real significance of this is that it gives more weight to abstention. If all Conservative Members of Parliament actually cast their vote, theo there is no difference hetween those entitled to vote and those voting. If on the other band some Conservative Members abstain in protest igainst the present leadership without preferring the alternative on offer, they will make it diffiult for anyone to he elected on he first ballot. On the second pallot the leading candidate only ias to receive an overall najority of those entitled to ote, and on the third hallot be las to receive an overall majority, ocludiog those secood preferoces which are transferred to im under the alternative voting ystem. Abstention is not allowed

the third hallot. This system of voting means bat the procedure becomes easier is each ballot is beld. If a candilate is io a dominant position in be heginning there is oo reasoo or his vote to he eroded, and be lmost certainly only has to wait or the secood or third hallot to e sure of winning. The signifiance of the later ballots depends berefore on the first hallot pro-

thout American intentions.

Yet in fact, as the two Presi-

lents bave now at last noted,

their views on these matters

ire complementary". The con-

umers oeed both to coordinate

heir policies with each other

md to seek an amicable under-

standing with the producers.

They cannot negotiate effectively

with the consumers without first

eaching some understanding

imong themselves. But nor can

hey draw up a complete eoergy

policy on their own without

scertaining the producers' riews. The two processes have

bowever summarily.

First, Justice bas never sugges-

must cost more unless they do. Under the new American systems,

no one gets less than before, every

earnings), and premiums bave still allowed to sue, but most of them no longer bother because they are adequately

compensated without going to law. That may he a loss to the lawyers,

Second, many victims are bette

off in New Zealand than they would

be here. Here, if they can prove "fault", they can eventually get a lump sum which is often too small,

which inflation erodes, and whose income is taxed at "investment income."

come" rates. There, they get in-

dexed weekly payments for as long

as they are in fact—and not just expected to he—disabled. In addi-

tion, they can get up to £6,000 for non-economic loss.

Third, the reforms proposed by

Messrs. Ogien (November 22) and

but it is a gain to everyone else.

all the advance leaks that the new system would be very prejudicial to Mr Heath turn out not to be true. It will be a little harder for him to win on the first or even the second hallot hut that is about all there is to it.

What has bappened since the election bas undoubtedly strengthened Mr Heath's position. Immediately after the election it was very difficult to find Conser-vative Members of Parliament who did not think that Mr Heath would have to go. Now there is an increasingly strong expecta-tion that he will in fact beat any candidate likely to at and against him. The Conservative Memhers of Parliameot are not as volatile as rhis suggests. They still have very serious reservations about Mr Heath as a leader. They admire his force of character and his courage, hut they do not think that he is an election win-ner and they do not believe that he pays sufficient attention to parliamentary opinion. They also argue that the absence of an alternative leader is in itself a condemnation of nine years of Mr Heath's leadership. It has not built a strong enough team.

Nevertbeless the other possible leaders bave heen going down like ninepins; Mr du Cann, who had some real support though prohably not enough, has ruled himself out repeatedly hecause of his chairmanship of the 1922 Committee, and did so finally and coovinciogly last oight. Mrs Thatcher will probably staod, hut the Conservative Party does not seem to want a woman leader and has taken a winor gaffe about the tins in her larder as an excuse for crossing her off the list. Sir Keith Joseph has made worse gaffes than Mrs Thatcher and has crossed his name off as completely as Mr du Cann. Mr Whitelaw will not

stand against Mr Heath and Mr Prior will not stand against Mr Whitelaw, Lord Carrington is in the House of Lords and Sir Christopher Soames is in Brussels. At the moment the spectacle of Mr Heath's potential rivals is like that of the English cricket team in Australia. All the best people are either in the wroog couotry, have retired hurt or have got themselves out by

indergarten strokes. This may well change. It has changed completely in the last two months and could change equally radically in the oext two. There is nevertheless something satisfying to the sense of humour about what seems to he happening. After all the fret and fume. difficult hut determined man reemerges out of the fog like some grey rock emerging out of the Atlantic mist. Mr Heath is not like the radio character who said "I go, I come hack". He never goes.

It is an impressive political achievement for Mr Heath even to have got this far. It will he an even more impressive achievement if be actually survives. He will not only have confounded his eoemies; he will also have confounded his friends. If he does survive be will need to learn from the experience, and the danger is that be will learn the wrong lesson. The right lesson is that be should listen more to diverse opinion and that he should pay atteotioo to the ofteo wellgrounded opioions of men with very different minds from bis own. The wrong lesson, though it is not wholly untruthful, is that in political life the stroogest will prevails. Eveo President de Gaulle, wbose will was heroic, lost his last referendum. Mr Heath is oow exposed to meeting the demands of annual

THE PRESIDENTS AGREE

'he agreement reached in Marto he dovetailed into each other, nique hetween Presidents Ford and the timetable worked out in nd Giscard d'Estaing is good Martinique-consultation among consumers, preparatory conference with producers (in March, ews for a world which hadly eeds it. One of the most depres-1975 at all goes well), further "inteosive coosultations" among ng aspects of the West's reaction the evergy crisis during the ast year has been the constant coosumers, and finally the full ickering between France and consumer-producer conferencene United States, with France's seems as reasonable as any. President Giscard uropean partners swayiog un-

d'Estaing originally proposed ertainly hetweeo theto. Each side bad some legitimate the cosumer-producer conference on October 23, be envisaged riticisms to make of the other. it as a triangular conference he Freoch rightly pointed out hat the acrimony between oil coosumer countries would take producers and oil coosumers was separately from the partly caused by America's unconiodustriclized (OECD) countries. litional and uncritical support This was a geoerous and imaginaof Israel from 1967 oowards, and tive suggestion, which unfortunately was not followed up io vas exacerbated by clumsy imerican attempts to dragooo the Mantinique. Perhaps it is thought Nestern nations into an antithat the Third World countries Arah or anti-oil-producer front, can get better terms for themvith scarcely veiled threats to selves in a separate forum dominated by Afro-Asian solidarity. But oo way has yet eize the oil hy force if it was not nade available oo Western terms. The Americaos rightly replied heen found of creating a separate hat France made nothing easier oil market, for them. Their interests are bound to he affected y systematically rejecting all ittempts to pool energy resources by whatevert is decided in a ir coordinate the coosumer esponse to OPEC, especially coosumer-producer conference, and it would be hetter if they ince the producers teoded to see appeared there in their own rance's attitude as confirming heir wost paranoid suspicioos

right The Franco American compromise will of course only work if both sides respect its spirit as well as its letter. It is oot in itself a solution to the many disagreetoents oo points of detail which bave arisen or will arise in the future, and which could easily reopen the split if ither side reverts to the had olt hahits of polemic and proces dintention. To give just one example, ir makes no clear choice herween the rival schemes for recycling oil-producer capital put orward hy Dr Kissinger and Mr Tealey. The reference tn "new nechan-

isms of financial solidarity" in the cootext of the industrialized oatioos is appareorly an eodorsemeot of Dr Kissinger's proposals, while the phrase "closer financial cooperation within the Inter-oational Monetary Fund" way refer to Mr Healey's, which have the undoubted advantage of being looked on with greater favour hy the oil producers themselves.

As for the American recognitioo "that it would he appropriate for any government which wished to do so to adopt current market prices as the hasis of valuation for its gold holdings", this is little more than an eodorsement of receot European practice.

President Ford's advisers are quoted as hoping that France had heeo "hrought hack oo board" the Western alliance by the Martinique meeting. The phrase is perhaps unfortunate hecause it could easily he misunderstood in France. No ooe should soppose that France is about to rejoin the military organization of Nato or to reverse any of the main lines of her foreign policy. The change of emphasis and of tone is none the less very marked. Ir seems clear that France will oo longer maximiza differences with her allies for the sake of it, as too often bap-pened in General de Gaulle's day, and more recently in M Johert's. This was what many Francophiles abroad had hoped for wheo President Giscard d'Estaing was elected, and perbaps also what many Gaullists at home feared. That Martinique should coincide with a crisis in the Gaullist Party io Paris is perhaps not entirely fortuitous. In their different ways, President Giscard d'Estaing and his prime minister have shown that they are not afraid of the Gaullist old guard.

that this takes far too long costs far too much (at least 40 pe cent of total premiums, on the bee estimates), and is far too chanc. No one benefits from it, except per-Accident compensation

From Mr Paul Sieghart Sir, The pressures on your space we too great for me to indulge the haps the legal profession. Manywho are wholly "innocent" wuld remain uncompensated because hey temptation of answering in detail all the points arade, since my last letter, by Mr Ogden, Mr Kidwell, and Procould find no one else to blame cg, the motorcyclist who skids on an invisible patch of black ice. iessors Ativah and Bartsch. Besides, il is probably premature in start a full debate before we know wbat Nor can it be right to punish with Lord Pearson's Royal Commission will recommend. But there are a few points which must be put right,

a fine of tens of thousands of pouds the family of a young driver tho has been paralysed for life becase for one fateful split second be looked to his left when be "sheud" have looked to his right. It leave ted that innocent victims should get less than they do now. Nor is it true that a "no fault" system bave looked to his right. It is no answer to say that be shoul for the compensated because his reighbour who has been paralyse by sickness would resent it if he were. one gers quite a lor regardless of fault (typically 85 per cent of lost Envy is no warrant for the proetuation of injustice. Rather it us compensate the neighbour, to, as soon as we feel that we can elecuation of injustice. Rather tively afford it.

Professor Atiyah (Decembe 7) Professor Anyan (December 7) feels that Justice's proposals donot go far enough. I agree, but size we cannot reform everything at once, it is wrong to allow the presunt injustices to road victims (which respect to continue until we have ne worst) to continue until we have It is good to know that both fit Ogden's and Mr Kidwell's Comme tees now also favour reform. I bde that both of them will therefor support Justice's request that t Pearson Commission should mai interim recommendations about th part of its field of inquiry. Only then can Parliament ensure that w shall have no more cases such as the recent ones which bave given rise to this correspondence.

Kidwell (Navember 28) would still Ynurs, etc. Kidwell (November 28) would all leave many injustices untouched. Because of their insistence on distinguishing "guilt" from "inno-PAUL SIEGHART, Chairman, Justice Committee on Compensation tinguishing "guilt" from "inno-cence", fault would still have to be for Disablement, 6 Gray's Inn Square, WC1. investigated whenever the defendant hlaned the plaintiff. We know December 12.

Energy saving From Dr K. S. Hall

Sir, In advocating a higher tax on larger cars (December 10), you over-look a rather obvious fact—the quantity of petrol used by a car depends not only on the size of its engine but also on the distance for which it is driven. I have a large car (3 litres) but unlike many owners of smaller cars, I seldom use it for personal transport. For that I use a bicycle, covering 3.000-4.000 miles

The way to reduce the consumption of petrol is to relate the cost of motoring more closely to the quantity of petrol used. The Government bas taken a sensible course. An even more sensible course would be to abolisb road tax altogether (or, if as I suppose is the case, registration is considered necessary on other grounds, reduce it in a nominal figura) and recover the lost revenue by a further increase in the tax an

Yours faithfully, K. S. HALL, The Limes 23 Bromley Grove, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent. December 12.

Buses in convoy From Mr J. B. Turner

Sir. Natwithstanding the implied criticism of Mr Leon Kreitzman, the fact of the matter is that, since Londoo Transport adopted the coovoy system, not a hus has been lost. Yours faithfully, . B. TURNER,

ingsdown Road, Teignmouth, pevon cember 12.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Britain and the Middle East: political advertisements

From Miss Daphnce Slee Sir, The Jews are a proud and bonourable people and I would like to ask them for an act of justice-namely, that they should stop attri-huling base molives to us who sup-port the Arabs. We support them because we believe that their cause is just; and it takes a little courage to do it—we have to steel ourselves against the abuse that will follow if a letter is published.

We are not "giving in to Arab oil blackmail"—the Council for the Advancement of Arab British Understanding (for example) was in be-iog some six years before the oil producers (by no means all of whom are Arabs) put their prices up. We are not "anti-semitic"—it would be odd, if we were, considering that the Arabs are prohably purer "Semites" than the Jews—but we believe that the lieus believe that telling lies against Jews is not the only form of racialist sin, it is just as wicked to tell lies

I would remind your readers that Israel became a "sovereign member of the United Nations" on the explicit condition that the wrong done to the Palestiniao exiles was righted; instead it has been aggravated to the point where every Palestinian is living either in exile or under alien rule. If the Paleson ians are now so desperate that only a terrorist will do as their represen-tative, the fault lies not with those who bave tried to help them but with those who made them desper-ate. It is time that they stopped talking about "Arab oil blackmail" and "anti-semitism" and faced their own consciences. Yours faitbfully, DAPHNE E. SLEE,

Osmington, Weymouth, Dorset December 13.

From Rabbi Sidney Brichto Sir, Your leader "The Freedom of Debate" (December 14) gives sufficient proof of the desira of The Times to be fair to both sides in the Arab-Israel conflict, but it also indi-cates the basis of the misunderstandiog which bas arisen between your respected oewspaper and the Jewisb

I once again ask for space in your correspondence columns in the hope that I can remove this misunderstanding by explaining the sensitivity of the Jewish community when Zionism is attacked.

The fact is that while no Jew would wish to deny anyone the right to criocize Israel, it has become suspicious of attacks on Zionism. This is due to several factors. First, since the Holocaust, anti-semitism has become quite unfashiooable in Western society as oo decent persoo will admit to such feelings, even though it would be oaive to think that they have ceased to exist. The Jewish community has reason to believe the such as the suc believe that anti-semitism rears its bead agaio under the banner of anti-Zionism. Russian and Arah propaganda literature against the Zionists substantistes this belief.

Secondly, while Jews were divided about Zionist ideology before the birth of the Jewish state in 1948, many sincerely arguing against the need for a sovereign Jewish state, the Nazi holocaust, the establishment of Israel and the wars it bad to fight to maintain its existence bas toade all self-respecting Jews into Zionists i.e. dedicated to the survival of the state of Israel.

For this reason Zionist fund raising is no more than Jewish fund raising and I would suggest that although much money is given by non-Israeli Jews to Israel for the sole purpose of absorbing their persecuted brothers and sisters from Soviet Russia and Arab countries, they do not make as much financial sacrifice as do the native born Israelis wbo

do without bomes and other necessines so that the newcomer from Russia should not be disappointed when he reaches bis Promised Land. I would also point out that Jews feel I would also point out that Jews feel no less obligated to help settle their persecuted co-religionists in any country which would receive them. It is the miracle of modern Jewish history that after two thousand years there is now a country which would never close its doors to them—th, state of Israel

The Jewish people has fought bar d and has sacrificed much blood to make this dream—this haven of refuge—inin a reality. Therefore, while Jews will accept criticism of Israeli policies and indeed join in such criticism themselves, non-Jews sbould not be surprised when an attack on the right of non-Israeli Jews and non-Jews in support Israel's humanitarian efforts is seen as nothing but an expression of anti-

semitism. Yours faithfully, SIDNEY BRICHTO, Chairman, The Council of Reform and Liberal Rabbis, The Montagu Centre, 109 Whitfield Street, W.L. December 16.

From Mr Michael Totham

Sir, Some years ago I was very dis-appointed when—without advancing any reason—The Times refused to cept an advertisement for free car suckers designed in promote racial harmony in this country, and that unfortunate experience makes me feel that it is the more important in the present instance to say that I believe you were entirely correct to accept the material which was recently in-

serted to promote the Arab cause.

The issues at stake are clearly national rather than racial and I bope it remains possible to deplore every form of racialism while re-maining critical of the national policies of any government no mat-ter whether African or Israeli. I am only sorry that you appear to bave yielded to pressure in refusing a further insertion of the same ad-

vertisement.
Yours faithfully, MICHAEL TATHAM, Clod Hall, Odell, Bedford.

From Mr John Reddanay Sir, Annoyance at the anti-Zionist Sir, Annoyance at the anti-Zionist advertisement which you published on December 11 has betrayed Sir Michael Hadow, the Director of the Anglo-Israel Association, into making a statement in his letter Deceto ber 14 which is untrue and which I feel sure be will, oo reflection, wish to withdraw. The correct facts have been pointed ont to him previously, together with Israeli and Jewish sources confirming these ewish sources confirming these

He says that 750,000 Jews were driven out of Arab lands and stripped of all their possessions." The truth is that most of these Oriental Jews migrated to Israel of their own accord or in response to intense pressure by Zionist recruiting agents (whose methods included the placing of bombs in a synagogue and other places frequented by Jews in Baghdad). Most of them came to Israel not in the immediate aftermath of the fighting in 1948 but long after during the middle and late 1950s wheo Israel was seeking new Jewisb settlers to consolidate its bold on the lands depopulated by the exodus of Arab refugees. Only a minority (probably less than 200,000) can claim with any plausi-bility that they went to Israel as refugees or were "driven out" of the countries of their birth; and of these no one really knows bow many wera in fact forcibly expelled and bow many simply chose to lesve.

And regrettable though it was that

some Arabs in some Arab countries used force against their Jewisb countrymen, this would never bave happened if it bad not been for the forcible seizure of Palestine by the Zionists from its Arah Inhabi-

On the substance of the advertisement, perbaps the "philanthropists" in this country whose contributions have halped in finance the construction of the fortress-like apartment blocks with which the Israelie have surrounded fortress-like apartment blocks with which the Israelis bave surrounded Arab Jerusalem would answer this question: Did they or did they not realize that, by their action, they were belping Israel to colonize Arab lands, to dispossess Arab owners, to swamp the Arab populstion with Jewish settlers and to defy Security Council resolutions regarding the requirements for a just and lasting peace?

Yours faithfully, JOHN REDDAWAY, 19 Woodsyre, Sydenham Hill, SE26. December 16.

From Mr Arnold Wesker Sir, I do not understand Mr Hetheringun's letter in today's

Times (December 16).
The "Middle Eastern advertisement was rejected by us (The Guardian) because we felt that it could encourage racial hatred". But "we believe The Times to be entirely right in saying that the Board of Depunes of British Jews is making a mistake in reporting you to the Attorney General. In so doing the board is seeking to deny to others a freedom to advertise their case which it has recently exercised itself.".

The Guardian, in turning down the advertisement for fear it "could encourage racial batred" was not denying "in others s freedom to advertise their case", but the Bosrd Deputies, reporting its fear that the advertisement "could encourage racial hatred" was denying "to Yours faithfully.

ARNOLD WESKER, 27 Bisbops Road, N6. December 16.

From Miss Subil Baroudy Sir, When is racialism respectable? A number of your readers have detected racialism in the anti-Zionist advertisement you published on December 11. I wooder what they would make of remarks made on the same day by Lord Jamer in the course of a debate on the Middle East in the House of Lords. He declared that the leaders of the declared that the leaders of the Palestinian people "defiled the United Nations General Assembly", and "intend to do what, borrifically, Hitler did, hat perhaps in a different way"; that their "predecessors were to Germany helping to arrange to kill six million people"; and that they were "the instrument of the Devil " (see Hansard cols 712 and 713).

Perhaps your readers can under-

Perbaps your readers can underthe disgust which Arab, felt as I sat in the Chamber of the House of Lords last Wednesday and listened to these remarks. Yours faithfully, SYBIL BAROUDY,

9 Bulstrode Street, W1. December 16.

From Mr Desmond Duncombe Sir, To a Jamaican the Middle Eastern controversy and the battle over advertisements seems to bave come out of Gulliver's Travels. Peace? If the foreign Zionists did not pump Slavs from Eastern Europe into West Asia there would be peace there. Yours truly,

DESMOND DUNCOMBE, 92 Landor Road, SW9.

£2,000 a year. It was oot far short Farm worker's lot

From Mr J. M. Rampton Sir, When I read Mr Bottim's letters the press written from his union address in London I sometimes wonder bow much contact be bas

with the modern farm worker.
Virtually every farm worker is now a certified craftsman of one sort or another snd since this gives him another £4.55 a week his basic wage next year will not be £27 but £32. Most livestock farm workers get paid a substantial bonus at the end of the year, as do arable workers during the busy times such as spring and barvest for the various jobs they do. The farm worker also now receives three weeks boliday with

pay. Abova all it should be remembered with the sbortening of the farm working week in 40 hours overtime now begins at 4.00-4.30 and from this ome onwards the farm worker is paid "time and a balf". Since the farm worker bas virtually no travelling time and usually walks to his work it is no great hardship in bim to sit on a tractor for an extra 11-2 bnurs a day; there is little arduous physical work on the mechanised farm of

Next year the average wage on this and other farms will be about

of this figure last year. Let us now turn to the much maligned tied cottage. The open market value of most of these cottages is now in the region of £6,000-

£8,000 and in some cases and in some districts a good deal higher. If we take interest charges, the ever rising cost of rates, insurance premiums and repairs the farmer must be subsidising the housing of the farm worker to the extent of another £10 a week. This sccommodadon is, of course, tax free.
All this in inflationary times msy not be riches but it does indicate

that the farm worker is in practica a lot better off than Mr Bottim claims and could be a very great deal better off if be could parsuade his fellow trade nnionists, most of whom are urban consumers, to pay a realistic price for bome produced

The English housewife, and probably the only bousewife left in the world, still expects to have a pint of fresh milk in be delivered on ber doorstep every day—for Sip— a third of the cost of a pint of a mass-produced beer of negligible alcoholic content! M. RAMPTON.

Easton Lodge, Easton, Nr Norwich

Prisoners in S Africa From the Bishop of Stepney

Sir, Bernard Levin's moving and persuasive article on South Africa's political prisoners (December 12) is as timely as it is unanswerable. It is known that Mr Vorster played a significant part in securing the Rhodesian detente as a result of which all political prisoners in that country have been released.

Yet io South Africa the appalling cruelty and misery of Robben Island and its total denial of buman compassion to those even in mortal sickness, like my friend Bram Fischer, continues. In addition to this, under Section

Six of the Terrorism Act, at least 30 persons have been arrested and are presently held in prison for organizing a rally in support of Frelimo and the liberation of Mozambique. The rally io fact did not take place. But since September thesa people bave been held under an Act which authorizes indefinite incomunicado detention aod which usually involves interrogation in conditions of solitary confinement without access to books, papers, relatives, friends, lawyers or

docurrs. Tha police are answerable to none but themselves. Unlike Mr Levin I am not sppealing to Mr Vorster. I am appealing to our own Government which at the United Nanous this year used its veto in the Security Council and its vote in the General Assembly to sustain South Africa's continued membership of UNO.

I fully understand and respect the motive behind our actions: namely that it would make it easier for us to press for positive change on the part of South Africa if she communed to be susceptible to internadonal pressure within the Organization. But, as Mr Levin bas pointed out, the most immediate and urgent change open to Mr Vorsier is that which Mr Smith bas already accepted: the release of prisoners whose only crime is opposition to tyranny.

Can we have an immediate assurance from our own Government that it is doing its numost, in the name of common humanity, to this end? Yours faithfully, TREVOR HUDDLESTON, CR,

400 Commercial Road, E1.

December 12

City and British Levland From Mr A. D. Brand

Sir, Mr Marsh (December 12) for-gets that the City like the Government, has no money of its own, only other people's. I bave long since given up any hope that my tax con-tribution will be spent or invested wisely, but heaven help me if my pension fund manager or investment manager of the insurance company with whom I bave a life assurance behaves in the same way. Yours faithfully,

A. D. BRAND, Glynde, December 12.

National Insurance rate for self-employed

From Mr George Cumingham, Lobour MP for Islington South and Finsbury

Sir, "Unjust, barsb and divisive", "beyond reason", "sbabby imposition", "morally offensive"—these are among the words used by George Hutchinson (article, December 14) to describe the increase in National Insurance contributions by the self-employed.

The core of this dispute is—should the self-employed pay the full cost of the pensions and other benefits they receive or should they be sub-sidized by employees and their em-ployers? The fact that is not dispu-ted by either side in the House of Commons is that the self-employed are subsidized by other contributors. This is a serious question and there are points to be made on both sides.

The only approach to the matter which calls for unqualified condem-nation is to indulge in exaggerated abuse without making any effort to state, or even acknowledge the existence of, rational arguments on the other side. Elsewhere in the same arocle Mr Hutchinson talks of "a lack of inspiring guidance and direction" as one of the current failings in our society. This lack is shown as much by the press as by politicians, never more so than where superficial ahuse takes the column inches that could be used for well-informad, rational analysia of a complex issue. Yours faithfully.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, House of Commons, December 14.

Hospital service at holiday periods

From Mr J. M. Davies

Sir, The creation of New Year's Day as a public holiday may, or may not, have heen a good thing for industry but it introduces serious inefficiency into the hospital service. Hospitals are always short-staffed for most of the Christmas week and a bscklog of all types of work rapidly accumulates during this boliday period.

Furthermore the lull, caused by patients baving deferred admission or clinic attendances in the pre-

or clinic attendances in the pre-christmas period, is suddenly trans-formed into a post-Christmas rush. At this very time of increased work load we now find that the bospital will be closed for all except emer-

gency work on January 1.

As a practising surgeon, I find that the holiday period this year will waste three outpstients sessions and that 120 patients will have their and that 120 patients will have their appointments postponed and will overload my outpa@ents clinic for the remainder of January. This will inevitably lead to delay, overcrowding and loss of efficiency.

If these extra public bolidays really are necessary (and with the present national crisis they seem the beight of stupidity) then let them be added on to the individual's annual leave so that they can be

annual leave so that they can be staggered and thus save severe dislocation of the hospital service.

Yours faithfully.

J. M. DAVIS, Consultant Surgeon. Whittington Hospital. Sı Mary's Wing. Higheate Hill. N19.

Fair play at auctions From Sir Edward Ford

What is Geraldice Normac (The Times, December 12) complaining of? The Normanton Parmigianino was auctioned like any other object at one of Messrs Christie's sales and was "bought in" by the vendor, who immediately afterwards sold it to the Messral Callery which had not bid. ately afterwards sold it to the National Gallery, which had not bid.
What wrong has been done and to whom? Many of us have had the experience of seeing an object in which we are interested bought in for fix at auction and bave approached the auctioneers after-wards to see if the vendor would be

willing to sell it for £x plus.

Is a oatiooal museum or gallery to be inhibited from doing the same? What "ground rules" are being broken by this procedure, and how are other bidders or collectors injured thereby? There was nothing to prevent them bidding at the sale if they wished. And why should the gallery or the firm of auctioneers

give details of what hecame in effect a sale by private treaty? One of the results of an aucdon is to determine the monetary value of an object at a particular time. Unless an object is exposed to the procedure of the sale-room its value is often hard to assess. The system of "reserves" enables a vendor to prevent it being sold at receive for it. It does not stop a

purchaser from acquiring it, if he is prepared to pay more.

Paintings and other works of art are frequently bought by pur-chasers whose sole object is to resell them at a considerable profit.

Museums and galleries are usually
prevented from bidding by lack of funds, since it is only when a firm price is known that they are able to apply m the Treasury for a Govern-ment grant, and then only if they bave sought and obtained support

from grant-making bodies and individuals. Nobody knows better than the curstors of our great galleries bow much time they must spend in beg-ging for such grants—time which could be so much more usefully employed in administering their museums. If only the Government was prepared to make available to (say) the Nacional Art-Collections Fund a sum for the purchase of objects of national or local imporobjects of national or local impor-tance comparable to that which it puts at the disposal of the Arts Council for the living arts, the pro-cess of enriching the national beri-tage of works of art would be greatly simplified. Yours faithfully,

EDWARD FORD, Fielden House, Little College Street, SW1.

Remarriage of divorcees From Mrs B. Horswill

Sir, Today I see that you have printed yet a third letter advocating disobedience to the ruling body of the Church of England (December 12). Is it not just this defiance of the legally expressed will of the majority that is causing much of our current misery? The arguments for and against the re-marriage of divorcees by Church of England rite bave been argued and decided not once, but twice by the General Synod of the Church of England.

The wish of the majority is clear and the duty of all is to accept. No one, in this country, is denied a civil ceremony where a first marriage has failed but a Church of England marriage requires a unique and binding vow and the majority wish it so. Let it be. Yours faithfully, B. HORSWILL,

Penhale.

New Barns Road, Arnside via Carnforth.

Ha lit et al From Mrs Dorothao Jones

Sir, Having been offered a hnuse with balf a ba of ground, a kilo from the sea, potatoes by the kilo. lard in 453 grm packs and vinegar by the lit (priced in new pecce); and baving hear advised to release by the in (priced in new pence); and baving been advised to take 5 ml of mixture after meals, that I am 86 cm round the hips and that the temperature won't rise above bow refreshing it was to hear this morning on the redio from Australia that someone "has been in for 176 minutes". Mioutes! A link with the past! I knew about minutes wheo I was a girl. So let's enjoy the time while we can understand it. before in the sacred many of progress we make it. of progress we move into micro Yours faithfully. DOROTHEA JONES, 53 Kingsway, Pens Wood, Kent.

A child's guide to the season's entertainments

Young people who live in the London area can meet Old Masters this Christmas, learn bow stars pulsate, work their way through the Bodyhox or find out how a surgeon spends his day—all hy courtesy of some of the great oational institutions which let down their hair at this time

Both in and out of Loodon there are all the usual Christmas shows and exhibitions. Details can be found in local papers but here is a selection:

Christmas shows

Cockpit Theatre: Humbug, adapted from A Christmas Carol, December 30-January 4; Sinbad, Paul Hansard's Puppets, Dccember 26-28—both matioées only. loter-Action: The Last Straw, with live animals and live musicians, an "environmental barnyard cotertainment"; Boxing Day until January 5, Almost Free Theatre —matinées.

Jack and the Beanstalk, Unicorn Theatre for Young People, until January 19-

Dr Who and the Daleks. Adelphi Theatre, from December 16, daily at 3 and 7.30. Give o Dog o Bone, Westminster Theatre, daily 2.30, Friday 7.30, Saturday 6.30. Sooty's Christmas Show, Mayfair Theatre, December 16-January 4—matinees. Toad of Toad Hall, Haymarket Theatre, December 23 to January 18-matinées. Winnie-the-Pooh, Phoenix Theatre, December 14-January 11-matioees. Wonderful Wombles, Shafteshury Theatre,

Wonderful Wombles, Shafteshury Theatre, December 16-January 18-matinées. Peter Pan, London Coliseum, December 18-January 8-matinées and evenings. National Film Theatre, Junior NFT: December 21, Dougal and the Blue Cot; December 28, The Court Jester; January 4, Louisiana Story—all matioées.

Lectures, exhibitions

National Gallery: School's Out!; meet the Old Masters; new ont of school activities for eight to 14-year-olds, from December 12 to January 17; three times daily Tuesday to Saturday, twice on Sunday. British Museum: Talks, films and activities, December 27 to January 4, 10.30 and 2 daily for 10-15-year-olds; eskimoes and aborigines are among subjects at the Museum of Mankind, 10.30 and 2. Matters medical: Royal College of Surgeons holiday lectures—The Romance of Surgery—Cutting for the Stone, December 20; Cell-Watching or Indoor Ornitals and College of Surgeons Date of Surgeons

thology, December 23; A Surgeon's Day, December 31—all at 3 (tea served at 4). Royal College of Physicians: Men of the Arabian Desert, December 19; Sport, Physical Activity and Health (Dr Roger Parairtes) Variance 2 both at 3 (also with Bannister), January 2, both at 3 (also with tea). Royal Society of Medicine: The Making of o Mental Hospital, December 30; X-rays in Man, Beast and Munmy, December 31; Organ Grafting (Professor Roy Calne), January 2, all at 2.30, tea

Institution of Structural Engineers: Whot Ever Happened to the Motor Car?, January 3, 2.30. London Museum, holiday lecture, The Sleeping Beauty. Victorian pantomime (children over seven), December 31, Jan-

(children over seven), December 31, January 2 and 3, at 2.30.
Institution of Civil Engineers: Foundations for the World's Longest Span-Humber Bridge, December 31; Discovery and Development of North Sea Oil, January 2, hoth at 2.30; films on January 3 at 2.30.

Royal Society of Arts: The Trumpet Through the Ages (Pbilip Jones), Decem-

Bobes in the Wood, Ashcroft, Croydon, ber 20, 2.30; The World of Percussion December 20-January 25. (James Blades), December 30, 2.30 (both

followed by tea). Victoria and Albert Museum, Bodybox, children's exhibition and workshop, until January 26, usual hours. Institute of Cootemporary Arts: Abraka-

dabra, live clowns, band puppers, etc., December 28 at 11.30, December 30 and 31 at 3. Eorry 25p.
Tate Gallery: Top Ten, famous paintings, December 31; Age of Pop, January 2; both at 2 both at 2.

Science Museum: Pulsating and Exploding Stars, December 28, 30 and 31. Horniman Museum, Forest Hill: Growing up in the Sun, Northern Nigerian life, toys and games, December 27, at 3 (eight

to 13 year olds). Tickets are available for many of the lectures and exhibitions, for some you just walk in; inquire from the secretaries, numbers and addresses in telephone dir-

Out of London

Glasgow's events include a pantomime with a local title, Mother McGlasgow, now on, and Jack and the Beanstalk at the Citizens'. Not forgetting Robinson

the Citizens'. Not forgetting Robinson Crusoe at the King's.
Manchester's fare is mainly pantomimes and shows, and Liverpool's Everyman Theatre is running The Cantril Tales for secondary schools from Boxing Day. Vanload, the touring company, is doing a show called Sweetie Pie for secondary schools, free, and teachers should contact them for dates. Liverpool's International Library, next to the Walker Art Gallery, has Chosen for Children, an exhibition of very old comics (no, not the live variety), dating from 1600. This lasts until December 28.

Kenneth Gosling

Katie Stewart Meals between meals for Christmas



ing bowl of minestrone soup, or hot bacon sandwiches with a salad are the kind of foods that will be most appreciated. Plan suppers that are quick to prepare and easy to serve.

Make a dish of eggs as the Swiss do. Spread 20z butter thickly over the bottom and sides of a wide shallow casserole or fireproof gratin dish. Cover the butter with very thin slices of cheese and on top crack six eggs. Season with salt and pepper, then pour over ‡ pint single cream and finally sprinkle with 20z grated cheese. Bake for 10 minutes in a quick oven (400 deg F or gas no 6) to cook the eggs and then give the dish balf a minnte under a hot grill to crisp the top. In individual gratin dishes you can make this for one or two-allow about 1-2 tablespoons cream per egg. Serve from the disb with hot buttered toast.

You can put your frying pan to work and make scramhled egg for everyone. It is more sensible to use a frying pan when making a larger amount. To make scrambled egg really appetizing use a gentle heat and do not stir all the time so that the mixture is broken up. Wait until the mixture begins to set at the bottom and sides of the pan and then draw the spoon through the mixture gently, so it piles up in soft creamy mounds. Prepare a basic recipe using 8 eggs, which is sufficient for 4 servings, along with 4 pint creamy milk, 1 level teaspoon salt and some freshly milled pepper. Serve scrambled egg on hot buttered toast, in crisp hot vol-au-vent cases, or cheese pastry cases.

Scrambled egg with anchovy added is very nice. Allow one anchovy fillet per egg, chop finely and add to the heaten egg mixture, hut go easy on the salt for seasoning. Or you might like to spice up the egg mixture with the addition of mustard and

Devilled scrambled egg

Serves 4

8 large eggs

pint single cream

1 level teaspoon salt;

freshly milled pepper; l level teaspoon dry mustard;

teaspoon Worcestershire sauce;

13-2 oz butter Crack the eggs into a mixing hasin, add the cream, sair, a seasoning of pepper, the mustard and Worcestershire sauce. Whisk ingredients together and

Heat the butter in a frying pan and pour in the egg mix-ture. Cook over gentle beat and as the mixture begins to set draw the thickened egg up in soft mounds with a spoon, allow-ing the uncooked mixture to run against the bot pan base. Draw off the beat while the egg is still moist and serve with fried mushrooms or srilled bacon rolls.

plain omelette can be made

much more interesting if you give it a filling of fried leeks and bacon. For four servings you need about all leeks which sbould be trimped, wasbed and shredded and 41b lean bacoo rashers finely chopped. Add these to 20z batter melted in a frying pan and season with salt frying pan and season with salt and pepper. Sir and then cover with a lid. Cook over gentle heat for about 15-20 minutes by which time the hacon will he cooked and the leeks tender. Spoon a little into the centre of each omeletie as you prepare it and before folding it over. An open omelette with a savoury apping is the answer for two servings. This one with cheese tomato and herbs tastes.

cheese fomato and herbs tastes good and looks colourful. Serve it with crusty bread and a salad.

Pizza omelette

Series 2 4 lege eggs;

sal and freshly milled pepper; Lablespoon cold water;

oz butter for frying or the topping

oz hutter 1 medium onioo

teaspoons

tomato purée. pinch mixed herbs

3-4 bacon rashers 2 oz grated cheese

Crack the eggs into a hasin, add the seasoning and water. Mix with a fork and set asida while preparing the topping.

Melt the butter for the top-ping in a saucepan. Add the chopped onion, cover and cook gently for 45 minutes, or until the onion is tender. Add the tomato purée and mixed berbs. cook for a moment more and then draw off the heat. Trim and chop the bacon rashers. Fry in a dry pan until the fat runs and the bacon is cooked. Drain and reserve.

Place the butter for frying in an 8-9 inch beavy frying pan. When melted and bubbling pour in all the omelette mixture. Stir for a moment using the back of a fork and draw the omelette mixture to towards the centre of the pan so that the liquid egg runs underneath. When set underneath but still moist on top, draw the pan off

the beat. Spood over the tomato and omion mixture. Top with the bacon and sprinkle with the grated cheese. Place the omelette under a bot grill just long eoough for the cheese to melt. Slide out of the pan onto a bot

For a quick supper snack dip slices of bread—crusts removed into seasoned heaten agg lerting it soak well in. Then fry to a golden brown on both sides in hot hutter and use as a base for grilled bacon rashers, an-chovy fillets, sardines or grilled tomatoes. Hot newly made toasted sandwiches to eat with

in-between meals at Christmas a knife and fork can always be need not be substantial. A steam- relied on to revive even the most jaded appetites. Toast the bread for bot sandwiches on one side only. Lightly hutter the an-toasted side and sandwich the slices together with the bot fil-ling inside and the toasted sides

outwards. Use grilled bacon rashers to make hot bacon sandwiches or sandwich a fried egg and bacon

between the toast slices. for a toasted cheese sand-with, cover the untoasted side on one alice with cheese. Grill until melted and bubbling and then sandwich with the secood since. Or better still combine liam and cheese by placing a flice of ham on the untoasted ride under the cheese before grilling. Then sandwich with the second slice.

A club sandwich needs three slices of toast with the middle slice toasted both sides. Spread untoasted side of the bottom slice with botter, then tup with slice with botter, then tup with chicken or turkey, lettuce and mayonnaise. Cover with the middle slice of toast, then grilled bacon and sliced tomatoes and finally top with the remaining slice of toast, butter untoasted side inwards.

The classic combination of a hot vegetable with cold meat instantly cheers up slices of instantly cheers up slices of honey roast ham, cold chicken or turkey. Potatoes are just right now for baking in their jackets. Choose large even sized ones, scrub them and, while still damp, roll them in kitchen salt. Salt brings out the flavour and keeps the skins deliciously crisp during cooking.

during cooking.

With your frying pan you can make lots of crisp fried potatoes with onion and if yoo care to add chopped anchovy fillets just before serving they will have a really good flavour. Make your / fried potatoes with hlanched slices of raw potato and you will find them a great improvement on the left-over improvement on the left-over boiled potatoes so often used. Blanched raw potato slices are just as quick to cook and rarely hreak up oo frying.

In serve four you will need about 111b potatoes. Pare and then cut them into lin thick slices. Blanch for five minutes only in boiling salted water, then drain. Fry them as you would normally, remembering that for crisp potatoes that are tender inside you should cook them over a fairly high hear. Use a mixture of butter for flavour and oil to get a good colour without burning. Any onions to be mixed with the potames should he fried separately for they require gentle cooking. Proportions are not important, one or two noions peeled and sliced are usually adequate. Add the cooked onion to the pan of potatoes just before serving and give the before serving and give the mixture a quick fry to best

Savoury rice makes a marvel lous hot dish too, but the mix ture must be well spiced an with plenty of flavour. Tr. Spanish rice which is a mixtur including onion, tomatoes an eros, or make up a packet o the curry flavoured ready-to cook rice to which you can adextra crunchiness with toaster flaked almoods.

At Christmas time especiall: good soups can he made wir packet or condensed soups when you use turkey stock instead o water. Into a really large sauce. pan put the broken up carcas. of the bird and any bones froo the meat, any ham skin, haco rinds or giblets. Add a larg-onion stuck with a clove, a largcarrot scrubbed and halved, 1sticks celery, a small hay lea and a few parsley stalks. cold water to cover and allow 1 level teaspoon of salt fo every 2 pints of water. Bring to the boil for 2 minutes only skim carefully and reduce th heat to a simmer. Leave to cooffor 3-4 hours, then strain care fully aod use.

Any bome-made stock make just the right base for mion strone—a souo which reali does need the flavour of a goo broth. This is a substantial our ture—almost a vegetable stem If a lighter soup is require either increasa the amount o stock, or use fewer vegetable: Minestrone

Serves 4-6 1 carrot Small piece turnip 1 medium potato 1-2 stalks celery

1 oniun 1oz hutter or 2 tablesooons oil 1 clove garlic, optional

2-3 streaky bacon rashers 1! oints stock

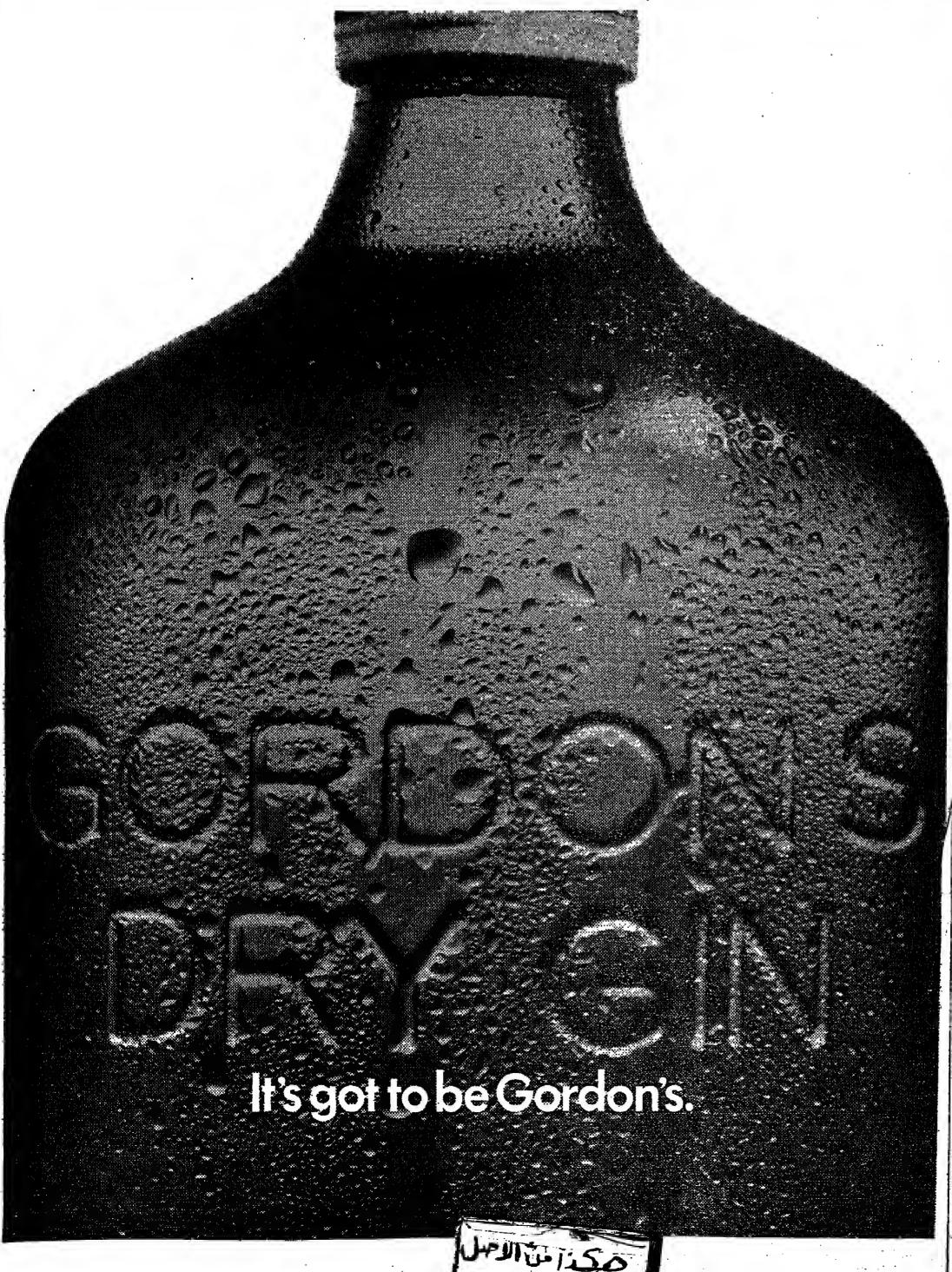
2 large tomatoes small leek cup shredded cabbage o

1 oz brokeo up spaghetti quick cooking macaroni grated cheese for serving

Peel and slice the carrot, up the turnip and potato intr small dice. Wash and slice the celery thinly. Skin and chol the omon ficely. Heat the butter or oil gently

and add these regetables. Ada the skinnad crushed and chopped garlie, if liked. Saut for a few minutes, theo add the trimmed chopped hacoo aod cook for a further 2-3 minutes

Stir in the stock and season as required—if you use han stock or houillon cubes, remem ber they are sather salty Simmer with the lid on for 20.30 minutes, until the regetables are almost, tender. Add the tomames, skinned, halved and chopped up, the leek ficely sliced and the shredded caht hage or sprouts. Bong back at the boil and the add the spaghetti or macironi. Boil gently with the lid off until the pasta is cooked about 10 minutes. Check seasoning and serve with a bowl of grateouth cheese, preferably Parmesan.



1932. Apart from a bappy spell

1932. Apart from a bappy spell as a demonstrator in surgery in McGill University, Montreal, where incidentally he graduated MSc, he spent bis entire professional career in Edinburgh, as surgeon in charge of the plastic and jaw injuries unit at Bangour Hospital, assistant aurgeon at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children. Edinburgh, and

Sick Children, Edinburgh, and Reader in Plastic Surgery at

He also served a term as president of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons. Such

was his international reputation that he was appointed general secretary of the International Society of Burn Injuries, en

settle in Fife, about four years

ago, he not only continued m run the secretariat of the Inter-national Society of Burn Injur-

ies hut also matriculated at St

Andrews University and graduated PhD 18 months ago.

In addition, at the time of his death, he was husy on an historical project of the Edin-hurgh Surgical School of the

nineteenth century in relation

come as a result of conscious labour and intentional suffer-

was always inspiring; he was without guile, but had im-mense compassion. All those

who knew him well were aware

that he had developed an ex-traordioary inner life, yet he gave of himself unstintingly for

To many, John Bennett seemed almost superhuman, In

the last four years he em-harked upon a series of far-

sighted and amhitious projects.

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A charismatic leader, bril-liant lecturer and teacher, he

succeeded in almost totally transcending the preoccupation with self. Clearly, his religion

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His example to others

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commonwealth of Australia at
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was received in audience hy
Majesty and presented the
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Majesty this evening.

Duke of Edinburgh, as ent of the Council of Engin-Institutions, this afternoon chiogham Palace presented acRobert Award Prize and for 1974. Prince of Wales this morn-

esided at a Meeting of The 's Council at the Dochy of all Office, 10 Buckingham Royal Highness later atten-

uncheon given by the RNVR Hon Mary Morrison bas led the Lady Susan Hossey y in Waiting to The Queen.

INCE HOUSE ber 17: Queen Elizabeth oeen Mother was present rening at the Bar Musical Twentyfirst Anniversary give at the Middle

Hon Mrs John Mulholland prain James Duncan Millar a attendance. Ron Mrs John Mulholland l-Preston as Lady-in-Walt-

THED HOUSE LODGE.

ther 17: Princess Alexandra, resident of the British Red resident of the Briuso ken Society and Patron of the Red Cross, and the Hon Ogilvy were present this at e performance of on I.c., given in aid of odon Branch of the Society, Empire Pool, Wembley. Hon Lady Rowley was in

Henderson sends to all his us and friends warm Christ-reetings and best wisbes for

aham and Lady Rowlandson it be sending Christmas cards ear and would like to take portunity of wishing all their a Merry Christmas and

rovost and Fellows of the rn Division of the Woodard ration bere eppointed Mr. Hill, e housemaster at herpoin College, Head-of the Cathedrai School,

ndays today

eville Ashenheim, 74; Sir Batsford, 64; Lieutenantil Sir Edwin Bramall, 51;
E. Fraser, VC, 54; Mr
opher Fry, 67; Lord Robens
ldingham, 64; Major-General
leginald Scoones, 74; Sir
lder Sim, 69; Majoril G. N. Tuck, 73.

College

Michaelmas balf at Eton et closes 10day. There are toys leaving, including the n of the school, A. G. H. KS. The Rosehery history has been awarded to G. D. s. KS. In the final of the lation Foothall the Hon G. Anbyn's defeated Mr J. S. ake's by three goals to two. ake's by three goals to two. ent half begins oo January

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. R. Ashman

The engagemant is announced be-tween Neal Ashman, of Les Mal-poignes, Les Landes, Guernsey, and Rose Whiteaway, of Home House, Le Varclin, St Martin's,

Mr P. C. H. Balfour and Miss P. A. Anden
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs G. N. Balfour, of Mulwith Farmhouse, Skelton-on-Ure, Ripon, Yorkshire, and Philippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. E. Auden, of Danesgate, Repton, Derbyshire.

Mr H. G. Balfour and Mrs D. L. Griswold

and Mrs D. L. Griswold

The engagement is announced and
the marriage will shortly take
place between Hugh George Balfour, of Oaklands, oear Edenbridge, Kent, and Bertha Rin, elder daughter of the lete Mr and Mrs
F. V. C. Livingstone-Learmonth,
of Wheatley, Oxford, widow of
Donald L. Griswold, of New York
State, United States.

Mr R. Davidson and Miss D. E. Watkins
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs Richard H. N. Davidson, of Toronto, Canada, and Dilys, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. F. Watkins, of Salishury, Wiltshire.

Mr D. A. Hickling and Miss D. E. F. Langley

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The engagement is announced
between David, younger son of Mr
and Mrs R. Hickling, of Oxted,
Surrey, and Deborah, younger
daughter of Mrs B. E. F. Langley
and the late E. R. Langley, of
Kencington, London.

Mr A. C. E. Kent and Miss A. F. B. Nurse The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Kent, and Avril, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. E. Nurse, of Frioton, Essex.

Mr P. J. Loveday and Miss J. E. R. Hodgkins

The engagement is announced be-tween Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Harold C. Loveday, of Poppins, Ogbourne St George, Mariborough, Wiltshire, and Jill, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs lohn F. Hodelins of Stonesthous John F. Hodgkins, of Stonesthrow Stone Street, near Sevenoaks

Mr J. B. Newall and Mile F. M. M. Milliot

The engagement is amounced between John Betts, son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Newall, of Lausanne, and Françoise Monique Michelle, daughter of General and Mme Jean Milliot, of Paris.

Lieutenant B. B. Perowne, RN and Miss H. R. M. Wykes-Sneyd

The engagement is announced between Benjamin Brian, elder son of Commodore and Mrs Ben Perowne, of Shortacre, Headley, Hampshire, and Honora Rose Mary, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Roger. Wykes-Sneyd, of Whitehouse Farm, Wissett, Suffolk.

Dr A. J. N. Shepherd and Miss D. M. Hayman

The engagement is announced between Alistair John Newbolt Shepberd, eldest son of Mr John A. Shepberd, surgeon, and Mrs Shepberd, of Haswell, Wirtai, Cheshire, and Diane Mary Hayman, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. V. T. Hayman, of Sherwood, Nottingham.

Flying Officer M. G. F. White, RAF, and Miss L. C. Hewitt
The engagement is announced between Malculin, son of Mr G. White, Lyncroft, Dorking, Surrey, and the late Mrs M. White, and Claire, daughter of Mr P. D. Hewitt, Fell Lodge, Sunninghill, Berkshire, and Mrs J. F. C. Gallaher, Karachi, Pakistan.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Lord Greenwood of Rossendale to be deputy to Lord Goodman on the board of the Housing Corporation. Six other new members have been appointed including Father Paul Byrne, director of the Shelter housing sid centre. Mr Peter Elstob, the English author and historian, to be gene-ral secretary of International PEN, the international association of

writers, at its congress in Jerusa-

Prison service

The following changes in prison service are announced: Alas Olwen Parzy, and 42, de lirector in the north regional of danchestor, to succeed Mrs Jocelloy, who is rollring, as used lirector of P4 Division at Prison kelloy, who is routing, as assistant director of p4 Invision at Prison Inpartment headquarters.

Mr R. M. Outunery, ased 51, governor at Feltham borstal, to be a deputy director in the northan source of the control o

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh lunches with National Coal Board, Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, 12.15; as patron and twelfth man, presents Lord's Taverners' coanty championship trophy to Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Buckingham Palace, 3.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, and the Duchess of Kent attend Leukaemia Research Fund's cored convert, Albert Hall, 7.25. man, presents Lord's Taverners' coanty championship trophy to Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Buckingham Palace, 3.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, and the Duchess of Kent attend Leukaemia Research Fund's carol concert, Albert Hall, 7.25.

Exhibition of prints, drawings and paintings, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, 10-6.

Church news

Latest appointmenta incinde : The Roy J. E. Burgees, Vicar of Keynsham, diocese of Bath and for the bearchdeacon of Bath. Some diocese of Bath. Some diocese of Bath. Some diocese of Bath. Some diocese of Salisbury, to be so Archdeacon of Salisbury, to be so Archdeacon of Wilshire. Same diocese. wutsuire, same diocose. Canon R. L. Sharp, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Weymouth, diocese of Salisbury, to be Archdoscon of Dorset, same diocese. to be Archdoscon of Darset, same diocese. Rev J. C. P. Barton, Vicar of wolling diocese of Rochosler, to be priced in charge of Malmesbury with Mesiport, diocese of Bristo. Vicar of St. The Rev P. G. C. Beck, Vicar of St. Arampion, diocese of Oerby, to be offest in Charge of Mesiport, to be offest in Charge of Mesiport, to be offest in Charge of Mesiport, and the Baptist of Mesiport, and the Baptist of St. The Rev B. A. Bowles, cursuo of St. John the Baptist of St. Couldwall, to be thaptist on Ascension Island, divided the Mesiport of Mesip sion, dismination.

The Rev E. Bradbury. curate of All Saints. Followith. diocoge of Trure. In the vicar of at Issey and Bi Petroc. Minor. same diocrac.

The Rev B. A. Carow. Royal Army Chapleins' Department, to be priest in charge of Great and Luttle Henny with Middleton, diocese of Chelmsford. Rision, same Giocese.

Canan D. R. Vicary, Headmaster of the King's School, Rechester. In bifercantor of Wells Cathedral.

The Reg M. O. West, Rector of Lydiard Millicent with Lydiard-freque diocese of Bristol. In be Vicar of Broage with: Germoc, diocese of Truro. The Rat M. T. Christian-Edwards, Vicar of St Thomas S. Trowbridse and Rector of Wingfield, diocess of Salis-bury, to be priest in charge of St Paul's, Fisherion Anger, same diocese. The Rev N. Crowder. Vicar of Si.
John's Ryde. diocese of Portsmouth,
to be elocesan director of rollgious education and a residentiary canon of
Portsmouth Cathedral.

The Rev C. Gale, curate of Bi John the Baptisi. Bilborough, dipress. of Sonthwell, to be priest in charge of

The Rev T. F. Horstogion. curate of SI Luke's. Farnworth, Widness, diocess of Liverpool. 10 be priest to charge of Liverpool. 10 be priest to charge of Liverpool. 10 of Harded. The Rev J. Rummerstone, curate of Humsley, diocese of York, to be priest in charge of Manningfurd Bruco with Manningfurd Abbas, and lajer vicar in the Swanborough Team, diocese of Sallsbury. The Ray H. W. C. Jeffery, curse of Sarum SI Michael, diocese of Salushury, to be team vicar-designate of the Ridgeway Team ministry, same diocese. Toam ministry, same diocese.

The Rev J. Oldnam, Victor of Suxton, diocese of Derby, to be rector of the suxton Team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev O. Parrutt, priest in charge of the same diocese. It is francis parist of Locula. In be rector of withers, and priest in charge of the associated parishes, same diocese. The Rev D. W. Perry, curate of the same diocese. Marion-in-Cleveland, diocese of York, obe Vitar of Skriaugh with Lors. Rision, some diocese.

Retirement The Rev H. W. Crosthwalle has with-rewn his acceptance of the benefice Monk Brotton, Barnsley, diocese of



Auction record price paid for superb pair of English flintlock pistols

By Geraldina Norman le Room Correspondent superb pair of English flint-A superb pair of English filmtlock bolster pistols sent for sale
by the Duchess of Westminster
brought an auction record price
of £78,000 at Sotheby's yesterday.
The purchaser was Mr Howard
Ricketts, the Bond Street dealer,
who bought them on bebalf of a
collectur. Sotheby's had heen
estimating £30,000-£35,000 in
cautious style, while boping for
more.

The pistols are the work of Pierre Moniong and prohably date from about 1690-1700. They are from about 1590-1700. They are superbly worked with sbeet silver, and gold inlay, while the chiselled steel locks and furniture in general are of marvellous quality. Mr Ricketts describes them as the finest pair of pistols sold at auction this century. There were several other bidders in the running over £70,000.

Monlong is recorded as the highest paid Arquebusier de la Maison du Roi at the court of Louis XIV. He fled to Englaod as a Huguenot in 1684 and was appointed Gunmaker in Ordinary to William III in or after 1689. The sheer richness and quality of this pair of pistols make it virtually certain that they were made for the king.

The pistols were on loao to the Victoria and Albert museum from 1960 to 1970.

Otherwise, Sotheby's two sales of arms and armour saw prices holding well; this area has so far bardly been invaded by investors. Mr Ricketts also paid £12,500 for a pair of Saxoo wbeel-lock holster pistols of about 1600. An anonymous buyer paid £9,000 for a pair of Bresciao flintlock bolster pistols of the late seventeenth century, and another anonymous pur-

chaser £5,500 for a rare pair of Dutch double-barrelled ivory-stocked turn-over flindock pismls, also of the late seventeenth

In a manuscript sale a large group of Slegfried Sassoon letters and postcards made £3,800 (estimate £5,000). A group of D. H. Lawrence letters made £2,000 (estimate £2,500-£3,500). Sotheby's also beld a sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art.

At Sotheby's Belgravia a minor At Sotheby's Belgravia a minor sale of Victorian paintings recorded virtually no log unsold. A George Bernard O'Neill genrescene, "Love me, love my dog", made £800 (estimate £400-£800). In Christie's sale of Japanese works of art a pair of Jacquer robe chests of the Edo period made £4,410 (estimate £3,000) and a fine nineteenth-century Jacquer tansu made £1,575 (estimate £700).

State pension scheme is criticized as inadequate:

By a Statt Reporter
At least a million pensioners may
be dependent oo means-tested
supplementary benefits even after
the Government's proposed pension scheme has fully matured in
about 1998, Age Concern says in
a memorandum, published yesterday, on the White Paper Better
Pensions.

Pensions.

The scheme, which would pay full benefits to those retiring 20 years after it had come into operation, would do nothing for two million pensioners who rely on supplementary benefits at present to bring them up to the poverty line, Mr David Hohman, director of Age Concern, said. Even those young enough to henefit fully by the time they retired might find. retired might find. below supplementthe time they reti their pensions bel-ary benefit levels. Those affected included an estimated 640,000 low-wage carners

Luncheons

Saints and Sinners Club

Saints and Sinners Club of London held a huncheon at the Dorchester hotel yesterday. Mr Cecil Redfern was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Percy Hoskius, Mr Robert Morley, Mr Derck Nimmo and Mr Tom Arnold, MP. Among those present were:

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The Marquess of Tavistock Lard
Themas of Remonham, Lord Wakefield of Kendal, Lord Hirshfield, Mr
Ray Gunier, Bir Hesmond Plummer,
Sir William Bannerson, Sir Emile Littler,
Sir Bernard Delfont, Sir Percy Ruan,
Sir William Buttun, Sir Percy Ruan,
Sir Hichard Thampson, Sir Gerald
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Bader.

Council of Engineering Institutions

Council of Engineering Institutions gave e Iuncheon yesterday, December 17, at the Dorchester hotel for the 1974 MacRobert award winners: Dr T. J. P. Pearce, Mr G. W. Bridger, Mr P. Davies, Dr J. T. Gellagher and Dr D. Cornthwaite, of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited. The host was Sir Leonard Arkinson, Chairman of CEL and the guests (relieded Lord).

Sir Leonaru Arkinson, Charman of CEI, and the guests inclinded Lord Hinton of Bankside, Chairman of the MacRoberts Award Evaluation Committee, and Sir Jack Callard, Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs was bost yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House in honour of the Netherlands State Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Among the guests were:

The Natherlands were:

The Natherlands Ambassadoc, Lord
Belogh, Lord Cole, Mr Clebryn Bughes,
MP, Sir George Wuldenfeld, Str James,
MP, Min Hoop Schefier, Mr F. A.
MPFaksesin, Mr S. British and Mr
Philip J. Albott.

HM Government

and their 80,000 dependants, at least 250,000 self-employed, who would get only the hasic pension under the new scheme, and about 100,000 people who would not be entitled to a full pension because of incomplete contribution records. of incomplete contribution records.

Age Concern urges the Government to replace its proposed twotier base level and carningsrelated graduated pension scheme
by a singla flat-rate pension, high
enough to eliminate the need for
means-tested benefits of any sort,
and payable to all pensioners
without regard to individual contelliminate pension is any sort,
and payable to individual contribution levels and records Memorandum on the White Paper "Better Pensions" (Cmnd 5713), and a policy for a futire state pension (Age Coxcern, National Old People's Welfare Council, Bernard Sintley House, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4. 3LL. No charge).

Miss Joan Lestor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth

Affairs, was bost yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House in bohour of the High Commissioner

fur Grenada, and Mrs Gibbs. The

The High Commissioner for Jamelca and Mrs Wint, Sir Buncan and Lady Watson. Mr Neil Marton, MP, Miss Gairy. Mr Sam Morris, Mr and Mrs H. H. Belcher, Mr Alan Gray, and Mr M. R. J. Guest.

The chairman of the Greater Londoo Council was host at loncheon at County Hall yesterday. The guests included:

The High Commissioner for the Bahamas and Mrs Braynen, the Luxembours Ambassador, the Ambassador for the German Democratic Republic and Fraukern, the Commonwealth Secretary-General and Mrs Smith and the mayore and mayoresses of Hammersmith and

The president of the Law Society gave a luncheon party at 60 Carey Street yesterday at which the guests incloded:

guests incloded:
The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Judge Sir Carl Asrvold, Sir Thomas Skyrme, Mr Francis Pym. MP. Mr Z. J. Collins, Mr R. T. Johnson, Mr B. N. Ligghts, Mr J. M. Wickerson and Mr J. L. Bowron.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yesterday at the Albery Theatre, and after-wards at a reception at the Bristol Hotel in honour of Mr L. J. Brink-horst, Netherlands State Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The Ambassador of the State of Bahrain and Shalkha Haya Al-Khalifa held a reception at the

The Queen has appointed the Prince of Wales to be chairman of the administrative council of King George's Jobilee Trust (For Yooth) in succession to the late Duke of Gloocester.

From The Times of Saturday, December 17, 1949.

From Our Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Deakin, general secre-

tary of the Transport and General

Workers Union, gave details yester-

his national executive, which has been meeting throughout this week, on the decisions of the

biennial conference that no Communist or Pascist shall be eligible

Of the 560 full-time officers of

the union, he said, 551 had signed

declarshons that they were not

Communists or Fascists. The remaining mine will be given notices terminating their employ-

ment a month after next Monday.

committees of the union, for which elections are now going on, without signing the declaration, Mr beakin said that by next March there would be no Communist or

Fascist bolding office in union.

As no one can stand for the

to hold office in the union.

Communists out

Shaikha Haya Al-Khalifa

King George's

Jubilee Trust

25 years ago

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Law Society

Receptions

The Queeo and The Duke of Edinhurgh yesterday beld a luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

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Buckingham Palace

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Miss Wendy Hiller (actress) the Rev
Baul Rowntree Culford (President,
Selly Oak Colleges, Simhinsham), Mr
Justice Griffiths, Mr Bavid Lean (film
director) Sir Arnold Undloy Ichairman. Engineering and Industrial
Training Soard!, Mr Michael Middeloin
IUK Secretary General, European
Architectural Harlisses Year, 1975;,
Dr John Tannar (Director, Royal Air
Force Museum), and Mr Hosmond
Taylor (editor, News and Current
Affairs, 3BG).

Latest wills

Mrs Georgette Roogier, of West-minster, the novelist Georgette Heyer, left £67,337 net (duty paid, £11,717), mostly to relatives. Other estates includa (net, before duty paid; further duty may be Cole, Mr John Holliday, of Wrib-benhall, Worcestershire, carpet manufacturer (duty paid, £96,231) Cariton Tower Hotel on Monday might on the occasion of National Day. Those present included am-bassadors and high commissioners, members of the Government, members of both Houses of Par-

liament, representatives of bank-ing, commerce, industry and the universities and other friends of

Dinners Mr G. R. Dowson The Prince of Wales was present lest night at a private dinner given by Mr Graham R. Dowson et 38 South Street, W1. Also preet 38 South Street, W1. Also present were: Mr Oudfrey Bilton. Mr Lexile Button. Squadron Leader David Cherkells. Mr Laurence Graff. Mr Ramon Groene. Mr Geothrey Kaye. Mr Henry Kaye. Mr Henry Looking. Mr John Donnoll. Mr Grabam Pyon Mr John Mr Herbert Towning. Mr Jack Walser, and Mr Alan Watts.

Old Newcastilian Club The Centenary Year dinner of the Old Newcastilian Club was held on Monday et the North Stafford dent, Stoke-on-frent. The presi-dent, Sir Devid Barritt, was in the chair. Among the guests were: The Right Rev F. S. Temple (Bishop of Malmesbury), Lord Robens of Woldingham, Mr J. S. Orme, Mr C. J. Boulmin and Mr. J. W. Donaldson (Headmaster, Newtyelle under 1 wrie. Newcastle-under-Lyme High

Weavers' Company
The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and
the City Marshal were present last
night at a livery dinder of the
Weavers' Company held at
Vintners' Hall. Mr L. C. Wintermn. upper bailliff, received the
guests and proposed the clyic
toast, to which the Lord Mayor
replied. The other speakers were
Lord Brain and the Bishop of
Loodon.

The Wallace Collection During the Christmas holiday the Wallace Collection will be closed to the public on December 24, 25 and 26, and will reopen at 10 am on December 27. The collection will also be closed on January 1.

OBITUARY

MR ALEXANDER WALLACE Leading plastic surgeon University where he qualified in 1929, he proceeded to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in

Mr Alexander Burns Wallace, CBE, who died suddenly oo December 14, was a plastic sur-geon of imercational renown. This position he achieved not This position he achieved not only because of his technical skill hut also hy virtue of his integrity, character and devocion to duty.

In many ways he was the supreme example of the specialist who never became lost in the technicality of his job. The patient always came first; he was never a "case" but always a buman being.

Above all be always resisted any artempt to prositute his

any attempt to prostitute his speciality. In plastic surgery this was a particularly valuable altribute, for there was a time when it threatened to be dominated by the more exuherant money-grubbing exponents of cosmetic surgery.

cosmetic surgery.
Face lifting, abolinon of wrinkles, straightening of noses, unnecessary plastic operations on the breast, particularly for those to whom money was no consideration—none of these vould Wallace tolerate.

Plastic surgery in his opinion was a serious branch of surgery which should devote itself to the service of those in whom plastic surgery was of real practical and psychological assist-ance, whether it was the victim hurns, road or industrial accidents, or congenital deformity. For these he had an infinite compassion and would labour for them morning, noon end night

A graduate of Edinburgh

JOHN GODOLPHIN BENNETT

Mr John Godolphin Bennett died on Friday at the age of 77.
He was horn on June 8, 1897,
and educated at King's School,
Wimbledon, RMA Woolwich, and the School of Military Engineering, Chatham. ... He saw service in the RE

Signals towards the end of the First World War and from 1919 to 1922 was engaged in military intelligence in the Near East. From 1929 to 1950 he was involved in solid fuel research and became first director of the British Coal Utilization Research Association. During the latter part of his life he was concerned with research of a rather different order, occupying himself-with inquiries into the inter-relation of history, religion, philosophy and the problems confronting modern man. He was the author of The Crisis in Human Affairs; What are we Living For?; The Dramatic Universe; and Concerning Subud.

Mr Alick Bartholomew, writes: To understand what John-Bennett accomplished, one must acknowledge the vision of G. L. Gnrdjieff, who insisted that man has hecome totally hind to transcending the preoccupation what is real. Bennett, who was the brotherhood of man could easily have had a brill he was equally at home with liant future as a scientist be as equally at home with came one of the principal Carbon. Thousands all over ouspensives ideas such and the world have found Ouspensky's ideas for the trans-lives changed through his formation of man.

An individualist and a teaching and many more have maverick, he believed that a books, the last of which, The

maverick, he believed that a books, the last of which. The teaching will become devoid of Masters of Wisdom, is to be life unless new insights are con. stantly found to renew its re-

levance. Those who worked closely first and last Baron Robins, with him 20 years ago at KBE, DSO, sometime president Coombe Springs in Kingston upon Thames, knew Bennett as a person of great authority, impetient of human weaknesses, although students found even they that he frequently understood a question they could not form. In the intervening years form. In the intervening years. Commander John Patrick he underwent e remarkable Fisher, MVO, who was transformation, which was not appointed a Justice of the mere mellowing.

It was as if he exemplified died no December 9. He was

G's teaching, that Grace may 47.

were:

Bir Poul and Ludy Benthall, Mr Richard
acothali. Mr James Zenthall, Mr
Timothy, Benthall, Mr Joho Carrati.

Sir Robert Helpmans, Lady Morion,
Ludy Richardson, Sir Mithoel Redgisve,
Bir John Russell, Isoversur. Old Vict.
Mr John Justin, Mr John Tooley (RoyalMoral Juniop. Personnel Monapers
Association), Miss, Margara Rawlings
(British Actors Equity), Miss Jamo
Edgeworth, Mr Norman, Marshall
(British Council), Mr Alfred Francis

Dr W. J. H. Butterfield, DM.,

Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University, is to be Ragius Pro-fessor of Physic at Cambridge University, in succession to Pro-fessor J. S. Minchell, who is

University news

Oxford

Memorial services

Mr M. Benthall

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Ind Mrs Andrew Cruickshank,
Mr Lieweltyn Rees, Miss Peggy Mount,
Mr Patrick Alkop (Allsop and Co.,
Mr Hamish Hamilton, Miss Tanya
Molseharisch, Miss Glover (Vict-Wols
Association: Miss Eispath March, Miss
Mr Joseph (Gallory First Nighlers
Cubb, Mr George Benson, Mr Rupert
Narski, Mr Hemis Andrews (Aris
Council of Great Britain; Miss Consiance Sheckiock, Mr John Turner,
Miss Hayler, and Mr Poul Finlay. A memorial service for Mr Michael Benthall was beld at St Panl's, Covent Garden, yesterday. The Rev Jobn Hester officiated. Mr Jonathan Banthall, Miss Barbara Jefford, Miss Judi Dench and Mr Paul Scofield gave readings, and Mr Paul Rogers gave an address. Among others present were:

Major John Foley

A memorial and thanksgiving ser-vice for Major John Foley was held at St James's Church, Picca-dilly, yesterday. The Rertor, the Rev William Baddeley, officiated, the lesson was read by Mr Len Crawley and an address was given by Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson.

Oxford
The following elections and awards are announced:
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: Special supernumary following in music A. C. Balmes, Ma. curator of misc Bale Collection and College: Official internal collowship in occurances. W. Beckernan, MA. Breit: professor of political reconomy. University College Landon. Rirmin Mam

Science report -

Obstetrics: Drugs in pregnancy

set up throughout the world after the thalidomide disaster are still turning up evidence of new unsusperrent associations between drag-raking early in pregnancy and birth annormalines. The first few weeks of pregnancy are the most hazardous, and the safest policy for doctors now seems to be that they should prescribe no drugs for women of child-bearing age except where sdequate contraceptive precautions are being taken.

The latest account of drugassociated ebnormalities has come
from California University and

minor tranquillizers, meprobamate and chlordiazepoxide, may in-crease the risk of foetal abnormalthe study, hased on nearly 20,000 pregnancles among women in east San Francisco, compared the incidence of severe birth abnormalries in four groups; those taking

usual rate of birth abnormal ines is known to be of the order of two or three cases in every hundred births and the increase in that risk associated with the use of tranquillizers was very small and not stansically significant until the data were divided on thabasis of the time in pregnancy the drug was taken.

As the report emphasizes, the findings are no more than success.

findings are no more than sugges-live but they provide further support for the view that no drug

meprobamate, those on chlordiazepoxide, those taking other drugs, and women who rook no drugs in early pregnancy. There were to striking differences between the groups, but the women taking the tranquillizers during the first six weeks of pregnancy bad three to four times the rate of foetal abnormality found in the other groups. After the first six weeks of pregnancy the drugs had no obvious adverse effect oh its out.

The usual rate of birth abnormal can be regarded as ebsolutely safe in the early weeks of pregnancy. The women who had been unaware of the pregnancy—and in many many the woman had not been pregnant at the time prescription was made. Radiologists now eccept that they should not X-ray women in the child-bearing age range unless they can exclude any chance of pregnancy, and there seems a good

pregnaocy, and there seems a good case for similar caution in prescrib case for similar caution in prescribing drugs to be exercised by general practitioners and hospital physicians. Public attitudes have surely eased anough for the question "could you become pregnant in the next few weeks?" to be included in the routine interrogation before the drug is prescribed. By Our Medical Correspondent. Source: New England Journal of Medicine (Dec 12. p 1268).

M HENRI de MONFREID

Writer and adventurer

M Henri de Monfreid, writer, novelist, aelf-confessed smuggler and adventurer, sometimes called "the French Lawrence of Arabia" for his exploits in ... Ethiopia and around the Red Sea in the 1930s, bas died at his home at Ingrandes in the Indre.

at the age of 95.

De Monfreid was hanned from entering Ethiopia by the theu Emperor Haile Selassie in 1932, the year he hegan to write the selassie in 1932, the year he hegan to write the year he hegan to the first of more than 70 books. Les Secrets de la Mer Rouge, based on his intimate know-ledge of that country and the Red Sea coast acquired after "feeling" Europe, and landing at Djihouti in 1910.

He started to write after his "

Society of Burn Injuries, en aspect of plastic surgery in which he had for long heen a leading figure, and the University of Upsaala made him an honorary MD in 1970.

It was typical of his zest fin life and his refusal 10 give in, that when a cerebral vascular episode finally forced bim to retire from other work, and settle in Fife, about four years He started to write after his rexperiences as a coffee trader, and continuous and organizer of trading caravans into the interior, when he met M Joseph Kessel, then preparing a book on the slave trade from Africa to Arah countries. He then published Vers des Terres Hostiles, d'Ethiope and Lo Croisière du Haschisch hased on his experiences trafficking with his own boat in the Red Sea.

A self-declared enemy of the Negus, de Monfreid returned to Ethiopia only after Mussolini's

Ethiopia only after Mussolini's conquest, scitling there as a coffee plunter. In 1940 he was arrested by the British and spent 10 months in prison Kenya. Later hc. was released and lived out the war years in the White Highlands as a came

humer.

De Monfreid, recalling the trafficking in drugs and arms in an interview he gave only months before his death, remarked that he suspected that was "why the Academie Frao-caise had declined to honour" him, although his books in the late 1930s enjoyed not only popular success but also esteem from their anthropological interest.

He failed 10 enter the Écolo

He failed to enter the École sillon; his father was a painter and engraver of Catalan origin who was a close friend of Gauguin. While a schoolhoy in Paris, he often saw in his father's studio Impressionist painters like Toulouse-Lautrec and Edgar Dégas.

He failed to enter the Feele The remarkable experiment in adult education at Sherborne in Gloucestershire has spawned

He failed to enter the Ecole Polytechnique and his career as an adventurer in the Red Sea Bennett foresaw times of chaos in the near future, which civilization could survive only an adventurer in the Red Sea did not begin until after he had worked for several years as an industrial chemist. In 1958, aged 79, de Monfreid went off with his son to sail in a small boat to Mauritius; he spent 10 days at sea drifting off Madagascar when its engine failed. techniques of creative transfor-mation. He lived to see the first of these, at Claymont, near

MR ALAN STERN

Mr Alan Henry Stern, who died on Thursday at the age of 90. was born on February 9, 1884, et Hove. Sussex. At a young age his temperament rebelled against the routine of husiness life, and he started his work in portrait painting. Spy influenced his early work but he later changed to straight portraiture.

For more than 50 years his work was published in journels such as the Graphic Bystander. Vanity Fair, and John o'London This connexion brought him in contact with some of the most distinguished people of the period. He received sittings from royalty, and many people

associated with the arts, the Services, and society, were also among his sitters.

Later he contributed to The were published portraits of Augustus John and Charles Cundall. In his eighty first year he held an exhibition of portraits of People of Chelsea. traits of People of Chelsea.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS will MERRY CHRISTMAS will be just empty words to many of our children's or please help us to be in the state of th

linancial help to many ladies suffering hardship, relieving anytery and distress among the elderly and infirm. A cause worthy of your support. DISABLED SAILORS, SOL-DIERS AND AIRMEN find shelter at the Star and Garter Home which as an indepen-dent organisation relies on public support. Please help to meet ever increasing costs. DOCKEAND SETTLE-MENTS appeal to SCOTS-MEN and others to inbestile towards physical porting are constructive activities for many of Glasgow's young people £M 000 still required lowards and of £130,000 Centre.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Widespread gains in golds



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Bank committee outs case for self-regulation of apital markets

Jobn Whitmore
The City Capital Markets
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his defence of the self-ulatory system by the CCMC nes io a paper, "The Super-ion of the Securines Mars", which has been drawn up response to questions put by Department of Trade in its rent inquiry into the man-ment and supervision of

mestions the report sets our suswer cover a broad soen m of issues. These include objectives and the success be existing regulatory bodies. continuing validity of those ectives, the gaps in the pret system and the pros and s of self-regulation as osed to statutory controls. ommenting on the report rerday—it was sent to the artment of Trade over tha kend—Mr Ian Fraser, the oer Director-General of the eover Panel who chairs the mittee, said that it represen-the first attempt by a City cesman hody to put its own

he report was designed to w. he continued, that there in o case at all for slavish ations of systems imported 1 elsewhere? se major conclusion of the irt is that " whilst it is con-

the British securities market may not be faultless, the system has demonstrated in operation that it is fundamentally successful in attaining appropriate

objectives".

The primary objective is defined as "the creation and maintenance of a capital market which is efficient, effective and honest". And it must be in the interests of those who operate in the market and derive a living from it, the committee goes on tu argue, that they impose an adequate regulatory system to see that this objective is see that

To this end the committee then points to the msny ways in which the investor is at present protected from possible sbuse. Pnints here include: the bigher level of disclosure demanded by the Stock Exchange than by starutory re-quirements; the Stock Exchange rules against market rigging and misconduct by its members; the Stock Exchange compensation fund to protect investors against default by brokers; the way in which tha jobbing system rapidly enables new information to be reflected in prices; and the successful role of the Panel in insuring equitable treatment for all shareholders in takeover

situations. However, the report does point to certain areas where the committee feels there is room for an extension of statutory provisions. The committee would, for instance, like to see would, for instance, tike to see insider dealing made a criminal offence and, as such, to be investigated and dealt with by the normal organs of the state.

Moreover one member of the committee, Mr N. S. Wilson, also believes that the Panel "should at least have some statutory framework enabling it statutory framework enabling it that the arrangements to impose directly pecuniary presently exist for the penalties for a hreach of the agement and supervision of rules"

ustralian protest at 'M Holden 'threat'

lanberra, Dec 17 .-- Mr Jim workers just before Christmas." rns, deputy prime minister, He said GMH persisted in lay-i there was no need for ing off workers even though the threateo the Australian Govment or dismiss thousands workers to get action by the

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ersey rejects 500-a-firm orporation tax

ersey's MPs today followed ernsey's by rejecting a pro-al to increase local corpora-1 tax from £300 to £600 a r per company from Jaouary

he tax is paid by locally-istered companies not tradin the islands. Local finance n had given a warning that increase could drive such opanies to alternative inw areas, and damage confi-ice in the Channel Islands offsbore figance centres. The corporation tax decisions o fullnws publication of the Finance Bill. Anxienes to arisen over part of Clause which would extend capital asfer tax liability to former residents settling in the inds after November 12 last. The clause is to be studied Jersey's Constitutional and mmon Market Committee,
i by Guernsey's advisory and
ance committee. Tax experts
re described the clause as "a

UK team to study Dutch paper salvage

Government told the company that the volume of Japanese imports into Australia, at present 34 per ceot of the market, would be halved in January.

Mr Bob Hewke, bead of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, called on the Government to move immediately to protect the johs of GMH employees.

ployees.

He gave a warming that as many as 20,000 workers could be added to the unemployment

rolls because of expected lay-

offs in the components supply

Dutch waste paper salvage methods are to be studied by tha Department of Industry as part of a bid to improve British methods.

Representatives of the advisory group on waste paper collection and recycling, set up this summer under the chairthis summer under the manship of Mr M manship of Mr Michael Meacher, Under-Secretary for leave for Holland Industry, this week.

At present only about 27 per cent of the total paper and board which is used in the United Kingdom is salvaged, a lower proportion than in West Germany or Japan as well as to Holland.

Britain paying £30m to development bank

The United Kingdom is to contribute \$71.7m (about £30m) in the Inter-American Development Bank in three annual liberate attack" on fiscal licies of the Channel Islands in three annual licies of the Channel Islands in 1976.

'rocessors call for EEC quality on sugar prices

Hugh Clayton
Find processors said yesterty that they had put a threetip that they had put out sugar marketing next ar. The claim was made to Mr art, Minister of Agriculture, four trede associations which gether use more than half of l sugar supplied in Britain. They asked first for an exten-oo of the equalization scheme eyond its closing date at the ad of this munth. Uoder the beme the high price of cane igar and low price of beet are lerged by the Sugar Board ioto common wholesale rate harged for sugar from all

They also wanted sugar to be old to them next year at the the price as that paid by food rocessors in other EEC counies, even if Britain had to pay lore for raw sugar than the est of the Community.

Community countries.

Lastly, the associations called for fairer sharing of available sugar between retailers and industry. This year government policy has consistently been to channel available supplies to shops at the expense of indus-

The four associations con-cerned were the Cake and Biscuit Alliance, the Cocoa, Choco-late end Confectionery Alliance, the National Soft Drinks Coun-cil and the Food Manufacturers' Federation Their annual sugar consumption is equivalent to slightly more than the 1.4 million tons from developing countries for which a 1975 contract has still to be agreed in

Gold soars after Ford pact with M Giscard

By Melvyn Westlake As government officials in London and other capitals insisted on the unimportance of the gold agreement reached during the meeting of President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing on Marinique, the bullion markets reacted with a sbarp price rise. On the foreign exchanges there was a corresponding slump in the dollar.

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There appeared m be a diver-gence of interpretation shout the significance of what bad been agreed at the Franco-American talks.

However, the prevalent view on the world's major bullion markets was that the United States had retreated from its bard-line resistance to any re-valuation of the official dollar price of gold of \$42.22 an ounce. Heavy and austained buying of the metal was reported, driv-ing the free msrket value up by \$6.00 an ounce to \$189.00— just \$1.75 short of the record

level reached last month. In Zurich, the dollar fell to its weakest level ever. It also tumbled in Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and other financial centres. Sterling rose 1 cent against the United States currency to \$2.3345.

The monetary authorities were clearly taken aback by the impact of the Franco-American agreement on the bullion and exchange markets. There were a string of statements denying any intention to revalue the gold component of various nat-ional reserves boldings.

Official sources io London said that Britain did not intend to increase the accounting value of its gold holding, currently 21m ounces, valued at \$886m. It was emphasized that the Government had not changed its view that gold should be phased out of the monetary system. One official stressed that the Martinique agrae-ment—which allows "any government which wished to do 50 to adopt current market prices as the basis of valuation for its gold holdings "—was in

no sense a new development.

Earlier this year Italy had used its gold—valued at market-related prices—as collateral for a loan from West Germany.

The only significant departure would be if central banks were actually allowed to buy gold from the free market to add to national holdings, according to the official view.

In the meantime, the link between gold and the International Monetary Fund's special drawing rights had recently heen severed, giving a

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cently heen severed, giving a further push to the demonsti-zation of gold. In Frankfurt, Dr Otmar

Emminger, vice-president of the Federal bank, said that Germany was "unlikely" to revalue its own gold holdings. He said that he did not regard gold as an important problem international monetary

terms.
The question of whether central hanks should be allowed to huy gold on the free market was, in his view, an "obsolete"

The French, bowever, were predictably out of step. M. Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the French Finance Minister, said that the Franco-American agreement had removed an important obstacle to a hetter

halanced international monetary system.

A fresh indication of the general movement eway from the use of gold came yester. day from the European Com-

munity Commission.

The Commission wants to craste a new Community monetary unit that should gradually replace the current unit of account for which there is a confusing variety of calculations and which is pegged to gold.

Dr Wilhelm Haferkamp,
Monetary Commissioner, said
the new unit should he based
on a basket of EEC currencies.

Government is expected to pare back state steel plans to raise prices by up to 25 pc

By Peter Hill
Price increases of up to 25
per cent that the British Steel
Corporation planoed to introduce from the beginning of next year are expected to he pared back considerably by the Gov-

Under the terms of the European Coal and Steel Community, the BSC bas freedom in pricing strategy but the British Government has traditionally intervened in the corporation's price increases. poration's price increases. For the corporation to implement increases from Jenuary 1 next year, its intention to do so needed to be notified to Brus-sels yesterday under the ECSC

15-days rule.
This notification has appsrently not been made, and the indications are that the B5C faces another battle with the Sovernment over the next few

Since the state steel under-taking submitted its price pro-posals involving the restructure of the corporation's entire price lists there has been little dis-

cussion with the Government.

Given the complex nature of the restructuring, BSC officials expected that they would bave heen called to provide additional informetion.

However, despite the Chan-cellor's commitment to an end-ing of subsidies in the nationalized industries outlined in the November Budget, it appears that the Cabinet is not happy about the scale of increases proposed. Some ministers are apparently keen to see the scale of increases reduced sub-

Given the current downturo in the demand for steel throughout the world, the BSC might be prepared to accept some down-ward revision of the original increases.
But drastic cuts would cer-

rainly be strongly opposed by Dr Mooty Finniston, the BSC chairman. He has made no secret of his distaste for government interference in pricing strategy and of his belief in the importance of the BSC continuiog aloog the profitable path on

which it has now started.

The lack of any clear indication from the Government is also a source of concern to the nrivate sector steelmakers. Their prices heve tended to fullow those adupted by the state steel

undertaking.

Representatives of the British findependent Steel Producers Association (BISPA) were due to meet today in Birmingham to discuss their next price moves, but that meeting bas been cancelled peoding the outcome of the BSC's discussions.

Private sector prices are sbrut 15 per cent bigher than those of the BSC, and private sector producers consider that increases of up to 20 per cent can be justified on cust grounds

alone.
In e speech to the annual general meeting of BISPA vesterday, Mr B. C. Bruce-Gardner, the retiring president, said that with steelmsking costs surging upwards throughout the world, on unreasonable restraints on price levels for steel products should exist.

It appears that the White House is backing down in its opposition to Congressional action to set firm limits on Credits that the Export-Import bank can make for American Pursian trade deals and on

Russian trade deals and on severe restrictions oo the bank's

financing of Soviet eoergy pro-jects involving United States companies, Senate sources

The White House, the sources added, is baving to eccept the fact that unless it

accepts such limitations, which

it bas bitterly opposed, there is just no chance of the Export-Import Bank Bill being passed

The Bill is vitally important hecause it extends the life of the bank and grants it lend-

ing authority of £25,000m (£10,800m) over the next four

years. Since November 30 the

bank has been stripped of its aothority to make any new

Leaders of the Senate and the

House of Representatives will

confer on the Bill tomorrow morning for the second time, following the rejection of the

final conference report by the

Both houses bave, to the dis-

The port of Southampton

came to a virtual standstill yes-

terday beceuse of unofficial

action by crace drivers over

what they consider unduly pro-

tracted pay negotiations. They say they will start work again

All container and most break-bulk cargo operations are stopped, but Britisb Transport Docks Board said last night they

hoped to keep roll on-roll off

Drivers' strike halts port

by the Coogress.

Senate vesterday.

By Michael Baily

traffic moving.

Shipping Correspondent

From Frank Vogl

Washington, Dec 17

He continued: "Despite in-flationary problems, steelmak-ing prices must he kept at a level which is adequate to cover operating and raw material costs and provide the profit which is essential in fund the investments required."

investments required."
BISPA members are also hecoming increasingly concerned with the BSC's ioebility to meet their demand requirements. The constraints un the BSC's production this year had seriuusly affected private sector

producers of finished products, and in some cases, Mr Bruce-Gardner said, had been subjected to more acute " three-day week" conditions that those which arnse from the miners' strike at the beginning of the

Uuable to meet the demand from their customers, privete sector producers bave been forced to introduce short-time working hecause of the inade-quacy of supplies from the

may of the White House, already agreed that the hank should not

be able to make loans of more

than \$300m to United States-USSR trade deals without addi-

tional Congressional authoriza-

issue now ceotres on imposing tough restrictions on the bank's

lending to energy projects in

Communist countries.
Several major deals are cur-

rently awaiting decisions from the bank, including a \$49.5m loan to United States oil com-

panies that bave agreed m undertake energy exploration, in conjunction with Japanese com-panies, in Siberia.

Senate sources suggest that a compromise may be reached, which the White House bas grudgingly accepted, that would demand that the hank obtains

special authorization from Congress for all loans to energy pro-

ects above \$25m to just the

There appear to be strong pressures for such restrictions because of the growing feeling here that the hig United States

controlled multinational oil companies are striving to ohtain cheap credits from the Ameri-

can Government to develop oil wells in Russia that will produce oil that will never come to the United Stetes.

Speaking for one of the leading users of the port, Union-Castle Line, Mr Geoffrey Bedford, director, said: "These

ford, director, said: "These meo are only about 150 out of 2,000 dock workers but they

are bolding the whole port in

Typeside layoffs: Swan Hunter Sbipbuilders last night laid off a further 185 workers from their six Typeside shipyards bringing the mral laid off as a result of pay disputes to 5,841. Together with striking electricians pearly 6,500 of the 10,000 work.

nearly 6.500 of the 10,000 work-

force are now idle.

Soviet Union.

One of the maio poiots at

White House may back

down on Exim Bank

leasings not within guidelines By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor

Coal Board

At least three leasing schemes introduced by the National Coal Board in recent years do not conform to Treasury guidelines issued after the British Railways Board's controversial tax avoidance scheme for the supply of rolling stock ing stock.
Last week, the Commons

Last week, the Commons Committee of Public Accounts criticized Whitehall over the Railways Board scheme, which prompted changes to tax regulacions and also led to the framing of special guidelines for nationalized industries when nperating leasing programmes for capital equipment.

The Coal Brard's biggest leasing deal concerns its North Sea explination company, which

Sea exploration company, which has a subsidiary L. S. Leasing in which a financial consortium has loaned up to £25m end which hires shout £25m end which hires shout £21m worth of equipment for the Vikiog gas field. Uoder an agreement some 90 per cent of the tax saviog under group relief accrues to the Coal Board.

Other lessing concerns cover

other board activities, leasing other board activities, leasing vehicles, earthmoving equipment, and roof supports. These activities operate through L. F. Leasing and O. R. Leasing, and the facilities provide up to at least £11m of leased items.

Since the Treasury issued its guidelines twn years ago, four other nationalized industries have adopted leasing schemes,

old conforming to present Whitehall rules.

The Coal Board's schemes were worked out before the rules came into force, and 20 provad was not sought from Whiteball before they were made. The Treasury now holds that three of the Coal Board's schemes could not have conformed to its guidelines.

Other nationalized industry leasing strangements include the British Gas Corporation, which has a £15m annual ceiling for this method of providing equipment and proposes to hire 16 compressor sets for the Frigg gas project, worth £15m over three years. The Post Office has au

arrangement with merchant bankers Samuel Montagu and Co for leasing cable ships, while the CEGB has approval in priociple for leasing gas turbines with private sector

US shipping law criticized

The Council of European and Japanese Shipowners Associa-tions (CENSA) representing more than half the world's merchant shipping, yesterday expressed "deeu concern" at the passing this week of the United States Energy Transportation Security Act. This reserves 20 per cent of American oil imports in US flag ships, rising to 25 per cent new June and 30 per cent the year

Mr Bob Russell, chairman of CENSA, said the measure, passed by four totes with six abstentions in the Senate, offended against relations with friendly netions,

Triumph car strikers accept compromise

By R. W. Shakespeare

Assembly workers at British
Leyland's Triumph car plant in
Coventry, whose strike over layoff pay smpped all productioo
and made 11,000 workers idle,
are to go back to work today.
But thousands more Midlaods
car workers were mid that they

car workers were mid that they were heing laid off for "ex-tended holidays" over the Christmas and new year period. This is because of produc-tion cuts made necessary by the depressed state of the car

The 1,000 Triumph assembly workers, who bave been on strike for three weeks, voted at a mass meeting to accept a re-commendation of their shop stewards and approve Settle-ment terms reached in negotiations with the management at

the weekend. The men have been demanding layoff pay for time lost during a two-week strike by control room staff at the Coventry car plant. The two consecutive disputes have together cost British Leyland, about £30m worth of lost pro-

duction.
The settlement is the result of a compromise. Fresh negotia-tions have taken place between management and unions on the basic issue of layoff pay. The present agreements rule out such payments when men are made idle by disputes of any kind within their own plant. For the next six weeks, while

these negotiations are being beld the Triumph workers beve been guaranteed payment—at 80 per cent of average earnings
—if they are laid off because of
any "constitutional strike" when normal negotiating procedures beve been exhausted.

If there is no long-tern, settlement of the layoff pay quesnon st the end of this six week period the guarantee may be extended while negotiations

One immediate effect of the end of the assembly workers' strike is that some 5,000 unsold vehicles which bave been smckpiled in the Triumph plants because of picketing can oow he released to dealers.

This could help British Leyland's cash-flow problems: The grimmer news from the iodustry yesterday was that more than 4,000 Coventry car workers, mustly Chrysler men, are to he laid off for three days over the holiday period. These days will he added to the normal

Chrysler's Ryton car assembly plant, employing some 4,000 production workers, will shut down on Friday until January 2. Short-time at Lucas : The Lucas Group is putting 3,750 workers oo short-nine. Four factories in Birmingham aod. Cannock which supply the motor manufacturers with lighting equipment will begin operating a four-day week for an Indefinite period from

January 9.
Announcing the cutback, a Lucas spokesman hinted et more short-time to follow. "The number affected by the short-time is less than 25 per cent of the total work force of the electrical division."

VW may close plant: Volks-wagen announced to Wolfsburg that it might bave to close pleot permacently and lay off workers if its present policies of sbore time working and voluntary re-dundencies failed to cut produc-tion sufficiently.

'Sharp practices' growing in second-hand car deals

ingly active as the motor trade tries to reduce stocks of "poor sellers " in anticipation of a further recession in sales.

This warning came yesterday from the West Midlands Consumer Protection department. It stated that one in seveo of all complaints being received relate to second-hand car sales.

Few areas of trade offer as much scope for sharp practices as the sale of second-band cars.". Since the department was formed in April, it has received oearly 2,000 complaints about second-band car deals and claims that in a high proportion of these it obtained redress for buyers. There beve also been

Unscrupulous second-band car many successful prosecutions dealers ere becoming increas and a further 15 are pending. A high proportion of these cars, the department said, had belonged to companies and could have trevelled as much as 50,000 miles in a year compered with the average momrist's 10,000 to 15,000 miles. Such cars were bought cheaply at auctions and, after the bodywork had heen polished and their mileage recorders wound back, were often sold as one or two-year-old

low mileage cars.

Another risk for unsuspecting motorists was the multi-deposit trick. The department said dealers took a number of deposits from would-he pur-cbasers, then left the area to repeat the process on another site with the same car.

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Gold jumped \$6 to \$189.00. U9 5

LME silver rose between 1.55p and 2.5p. Reuters index dropped another 3.9 to 1,186.5

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Mr Simon against excessive stimulus for American economy

From Frank Vogl Washington, Dec 17

Mr William Simoo, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, today came out against tax cuts to stimulate the economy and told the Senate's budget committee that "if we rurn again to excessive economic stimulus, in an attempt to escape the consequences of our past indulgences, we will only be presented with a larger bill later on ".

Mr Simon recently admitted that a tax cut is under consideration by the Administration, but he clearly attempted today to dampen speculation on

He said in his testimony that there is a serious danger of over-stimulating the economy,

that can only produce another round of inflation.

The Treasury Secretary also gave a warning against neglecting inflation at this time of recession. His comments come just tions in the money markets that the Federal Reserve is easing policies again and that the Fed Ford has shown particular con-is lowering its Fed funds target cern about this in recent days rate by around 0.5 per cent to around 8.5 per cent.

to stimulate the economy and an increasing number of economists believe that the advisers will come out in favour of tax reductions. The respected Argus Re-

hard at work devising strategies

search Corporation states in its latest report that "a tax cut is and the economists at the First National City Bank appear to take this for granted in their latest budget estimates. Belief that the President will abandon the policies of the 'old time religion" of fiscal monetary restraint is based on the now prevailing view that the recession will ha deeper,

The latest economic report by Citibank forecasts a Current fiscal year Federal budget deficit of \$20,000m and adds that the deficit may be even larger for fiscal 1976, which starts next July 1, because of

longer and more pervasive than

tax cuts. A big worry for Administration officials now is the rising level of bankruptcies. President and it appears to be one factor ound 8.5 per cent. that many experts believe will President Ford's chief econo- change the President's mind on mic policy advisers are now tax cuts.

UK facing 'relegation battle'

By Malcolm Brown Britain is facing a "relega-tion" battle, Mr Ralph Bateman, president of the Confederation of British Industry,

said yesterday. "Somebow we must bring the fierce national and local and competitiveness we see on the sports into the factories of Britain", be said.

Mr Bateman, who speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce lunch in London, suggested that an agreed incomes policy was an essential feature of any

recovery programme. Industry had to be just as competitive as any football team to stay on top and as the country was facing a relegation battle it was up to everyone to give their fullest support and encouragement at this difficult

"Our economic future relative to that of our competitors will depend upon our own bebayiour and decisions", Mr Bateman said.

Oil puts 3.5m lire on

From John Earle Rome, Dec 17

Italy's balance of payments deficit will at the end of the year surpass 5,000,000m lire (about 23,000m), of which 3,500,000m lire is because of Signor Emilio Colombo, the Treasury Minister, told the Chamber of Deputies in a dehate

on the economic situation. Indicating that measures may bave to be taken to reduce inessential imports, he said that the government's objective was to eliminata the non-oil deficit next year, leaving an oil deficit for 1975 of 3,200,000 to 3,500,000m lire.

Italy, he said, would have to seek further foreign credits next year. At the end of this year, foreign indebtedness would reach the level of 9,000,000m lire, requiring annual interest payments up to 1978 of some 900,000m lire. Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Budget Minister, said that the economic situation was of un-

precedented gravity.

Report says promote more women in retail trade

The retail trade should make bettar use of its staff by employing more female shop managers and by developing managerial taleot from the shop floor, recommends a Neddy report on career development in retail distribution published today.

The report concentrates mainly on the job of the shop manager. The job, says the report, bas in recent years bemanagement and the operation and control of systems laid down by bead office, and less concerned with customer contact and detailed knowledge of merchandise.

Recommendations io the report, carried out because of con-cern over the shortage of competent shop managers, include a strengthening of ties between the branches and head office in terms of personnel management, career training and better selection procedures.

Chemical plants ahead in productivity

New figures released today from the Census of Production show that the chemicals industry is atill ahead of other manufacturers in productivity. The net output per head increased from £3,981 to £6,026 compared with the average over the same period for manufacturing, which was £2,283 in 1970 and £3,476 in 1973.

Over tha three years, the chemicals industry shed around 25,000 workers, and now oper Italy's deficit ates with a labour force of about 400,000, including work-

Yarn output drops Marked falls in single yarn production, hut increased output of woven cloth in October compared with earlier periods, are reported by the Textile Sta-tistics Bureau. The organization said that during the month, industry had been severely affected by short-time working and temporary closure of some

Japan keeps credit grip Mr Teiichiro Morinaga, the

Bank of Japan's new governor, said the bank will continue its tight money policy, because re-cession in Japan is still milder than in the West.

German monetary aims A gradual continuation of the

downward trend of interest rates in West Germany is preferable to a forced reduction which might bring about a reaction on the capital market, the German federal bank said in its monthly report yesterday.

Government talks on N Sea taxes 'nowhere near completion'

By Christopher Thomas

It now seems unlikely that the Government will reach a decision for many weeks about the rate or structure of the proposed taxation of North Sea oil. Mr Dell, Paymaster-General, told the Commons committee considering the Oil Taxation Eill yesterday: "There have been suggestions that the Government has decided the rate of tax. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"We are nowhere near completion of our discussions with the industry. An enormous amount of evidence bas been submitted which will take some weeks at least to analyse.

"I find the consultations of enormous value. I hope they give the industry some confiwill drive them out of the North Petroleum Company in Morocco.

Sea. It is only by mutual cooperation that the riches of the North Sea can be yielded for

our benefit." His first meeting with the oil companies was on November 19, and since then he bad daily been receiving evidence, calculations

and comments.

Mr Dell said some oil companies were putting pressure on him not to introduce a variable rate of tax, but a fixed rate. If there was a fixed rate, ways would have to be found of dealing with marginal oil fields. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Opposition spokesman oo energy,

urged the Government not to taxing oil. Morocco takes 50 per cent BP stake: The Moroccan government announced in Rabat that dence that the Government does it had taken more than 50 per not intend to adopt policies that cent of the capital of the British

Staff shortage may hit offshore industry

By Business News Staff

Manpower and training needs of the offshore oil and gas in-dustries must be regularly moni-tored by the Manpower Services Commission says a report* published yesterday. The report makes it clear that the short-term and long-term implications of offshore development for labour may be complicated. The report, commissioned by

the MSC, says that in the next few years the offshore oil and gas industries face labour shortages. There are, states the report, immediate and continuing shortages of geologists, petroleum engineers, drillers

Examining related onshore activities, the report says that an area in which there is particular uncertainty is platform construction. A high level of demand can be expected into the 1980s, but decisions bave still to be taken on the type of platform.

There would be important manpower implications if there was a switch from steel-jacket platforms to concrete and hybrid structures.

To place the demand and supply of labour into comest the report examines the competing demands heing made for the skills which will be required for onshore work.

The main overlaps with steeljacket and equipment skills are the shiphuilding industry and mechanical and electrical engineering construction. *The Discovery of Offshore Oil and Gas: Manpower Implica-tions. (Manpower Services Com-mission.)

Brussels studies Roche market Brussels, Dec 17.-The EEC

Commission said in reply to a written question that it was still investigating the Hoffmann-La Roche pharmaceutical group's alleged monopoly in supplying Librium and Valium tranquillizers.

The Commission, which has wide powers to ensure fair competition in the EEC, said that, on the wider question of tran quillizers, it was examining the findings of market definition studies in order to determine the Hoffmann-La Roche group's sbare of the market.-Reuter.

BMW complies with EEC rules

Motorenwerka bas modified the conditions of its contracts with distributors to hring them in line with European Community free competition rules after intervention by the EEC Commission, the Commission said. It said the new form of contract between BMW and its distributors, giving them, among other things, the right to export BMW cars and spares, has now been approved by the authorities.

outors was justified-Reuter.

Nippon Electric cut

factories io its group to belp to cut production by 20 per ceot, to the 1972 level. This is because of a fall in domestic

Penguin Books plans to publish 450 new titles a year over the next three years-oot 450 titles in the three-year period, as incorrectly stated in yesterday's Business News.

Brussels, Dec 17.—Bayerische

about it. My own field is in fresh fruit

The Commission said that it accepted BMW's argument that its system of selective distri-

Penguin Books

High cost of packaging From Mr A. Fisher

Sir. The Price Commission surrey published on November 29 makes timely reference to the high cost of packaging in supermarkets. This has always been a burden the consumer has bad to bear but now with the scarcity of packaging materials and increasing inflation, the matter is becoming serious and something needs to be done

and vegetables. I can say that over many years, methods of low cost distribution have been studied and in recent years systems bave been operated suc-cessfully which prove that these high costs now being passed on to the consumer are unneces-Nippon Electric cut
Nippon Electric company
(NEC) states that it asked about 300 sub-contractors and it would appear to me that an investigation and report is needed.

One supermarket executive stated on the radio that his company did their own prepack-ing and avoided the problem. This statement was not entirely true and in any case, whoever does the prepacking engages in a labour and materials intensive exercise and incurs identical costs. Also prepacking impairs freshness, increases handling freshness, increases handling damage and some popular

ing and lighting shoot up their efforts at economy could bave

doubt in due course the beating allowances for which one can apply to the Social Security offices will be increased. However, in my work at the Citizens Advice Bureau it is obvious that many people do not know about the allowances; many that do know would rather freeze than go and ask for them; and the allowances are totally inade-

subsidies from the gas and elec-tricity industries, while making

economic sense, will bear very heavily on persons on fixed in-

comes. This section of the com-

munity, consisting, among others, of single parent families,

the elderly poor, women who stay at bome to care for aged

parents, and those in receipt of

tiny pensions for disabilities of

various kinds, are already de-

prived and in many cases barely

When the prices of their hear-

disastrous consequences.

surviving.

quate anyway.

Therefore, would it not he better to reverse the present pricing system of gas and electricity (starting high and reducing the more one uses) which was formulated in those halcyon days when John Public was to he encouraged to use as much fuel as possible to a system whereby a certain number of units would be very cheap indeed, and after this to let the price rise very steeply? In this

way the poor and the thrifty would be able to keep warm to certain minimum standard; the rest of us would he encouraged by the size of our bills to carry out that insulation the powers that be now wish to encourage and to he thrifty if we did not wish to be poor.

Yours sincerely, M. J. WATSON, 13 Abbey Park Road, Grimsby, South Humberside.

From Mr K. Brown Sir. Mr Norman complains

(December 11) about baving to 91 Farnham Road, pay for rainwater in his fuel. Guildford.

Poor need heating subsidies

From Mrs M. J. Watson

Sir, The decision to lift the subsidies from the gas and election that the price, about £15 a ton for rainwater supplied by the gas company.

He should take about a couple

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

weighed on the kitchen scale and put it in the oven Gas Mark 1 or 220 F for an hour or two and weigh it again. He might repeat to ensure that all the water was evaporated. This gives him a very exact percentage of water. In my case the same experiment showed me that coke stored under cover contained about 7 per cent mois-ture. My wet coke showed over 20 per cent moisture. I assumed generously that 10 per cent might he a reasonable figure for this, and a little very simple arithmetic told me how much I should deduct for the surplus rainwater. I deducted this amount from the bill and invited the gas company to sue me for the balance. Suppliers of coke or anything else will never face the court when they can so easily be shown to be in the wrong. I am, Sir,

Yours etc, KENNETH BROWN. 30 Shore Street, Anstruther,

From Mr J. W. Finch Sir, In the words of Mr Bernard Levin, during the articles on his mother's gas geyser, the "top brass" of the gas industry must all read The Times.

May I ask them therefore, together with their opposite numbers in the electricity realm, wby they see fit to spend our money on advertising their products and services in a variety of publications, and on Independent Television, at a time when we are exhorted to use less energy, and face savage price increases. . Yours faithfully,

J. W. FINCH

image our trade expects to pro-vide, when the housewife's purchases are seen on the kitchen table. ALAN FISHER,

The Albert Fisher Group Ltd. Brun Street, Burnley, Lancashire.

VAT nil returns

From Rev C. G. Stables Sir. Our local fruit and vege-table shop, selling nothing else, and so not liable to VAT, bas just been told that a monthly "nil" return is not acceptable. Although the shop has been in-spected by HM Customs officiels, the proprietor has to complete every mem on the forms, whatever they are, although it will be not in every case.

Why does Parliament give such authority to minor officials to barass small traders in this way? Already one shop has stopped selling froit and vege-tables and others may soon follow suit. In a country district with few shops anyway this is a serious matter to the public, if not to officialdom. Yours faithfully, C. G. STABLES.

Framland, Easons Green, Framfield, Uckfield, Sussex.

Taxpayers oug to be grateful for Clause 40

From Mr Peter Harris Sir, Mr William Goodbart, in of pounds of the wet coke letter (December 12), prot too strongly.

As be correctly states, in the old estate duty rules, 1 property outside the Un Kingdom made by non-d ciled individuals were exe from estate duty if the di died on the following day

Under capital transfer precisely the same rule appl a transfer of value made non-domiciled individual property outside the Ur Kingdom does not attract tal transfer tax.

The Chief Secretary to Treasury at no time gave indication or assurance amoing to grounds for assuming Government was not re sidering the definition "domicile".

Any professional who n have been asked to commer the taxation implications transfera of property, March 25, 1974, clearly w have borne in mind the p bility of the definition of c cile for this purpose, t changed.

Mr Goodhart states

"quite a number" of individual made gifts or settlements.

tween March 26 and Decar

9, which would be liable capital transfer tax. The that such a tax liability apply if the Finance Bi enacted as published app to be a prima facie indici that the donors or settlors cerned probably gave up manent residence in the Ui Kingdom, during the 4 years preceding "the reletime"—ie, the time of the

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Yours faithfully, PETER HARRIS, Millstones, Westerbam Road, Limpsfield,

Calculating of motoring

From Mr W. P. Grant Sir, Tha letter from Mr D (November 1) is a ty example of bow motorists takenly calculate their cost takes only petrol costs account and ignores the l sums represented by depr rion, maintenance costs, i. ance and taxation. Inclusion these items would bave giv more realistic comparison public transport Costs. Yours faithfully,

W. P. GRANT. 36 Cowdray Close. Leamington,

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Central Manufacturing & Trading Group Limited

"Current trading ahead of last year" reports Norman Hickman, the Chairman.

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement and the Report and

Accounta for the year to 31 July 1974. Trading Results

The year has not been an easy one with industry baset by a variety of problems such as the oil crisis, the minars' strike and the three-day week. However, in spite of these frustrations, further substantial progress, much of it achiaved by internal axpansion of existing companies, hes been achieved. Turnover and profits are again a record with the pratax profit 85.7% ahaad at £3,630,054. Earnings per share rosa from 6.8p to

dividend already paid, makes 20.31356% for the year which is the maximum permitted. Shareholdars will also be offered the opportunity of receiving shares in lieu of the final dividend. Market conditions were ganerally buoyant throughout

A final dividend of 10.26356%, coupled with an intarim

the year and the demand for tha group's products was at a consistently high level. Our succass, based on high quality aervica and a wida range of products, entails carrying heavy stocks. Despite our record profits, funds generated were Insufficient to sustain the business without recourse to

extra borrowings. With an increase in profits from £0.25m in 1967 to £3.63m in 1974 the group has shown considerable growth and hae now emarged as one of the largest suppliers in the country of a large range of industrial

Review of Divisional Activities

Steal Stockholding & Metal Processing

Demand was at a very high lavel throughout tha year and the division had the most successful year in its history with trading profits increasing 107.1%. Despita the difficulty of obtaining many types of steel, turnover increased substantially, and represents a considerable increase in tonnage sales. It is unlikely, however, that conditions during tha current year will be as favourable. Farrous ecrap and metal processing experienced a year of booming damand with an explosion of prices. We axpect further davelopment and expansion in this sphere in the future.

Asbestos, Rubber, Plastics and Services This division expanenced buoyant demand, once again constrained by a shortage of vital receivals. The order books are at a high level and prospects are sound. We have been appointed Fiat main daaler for their range of commercial vehicles in the industrial

West of Scotland.

Light Engineering Both sales of the division - up 29.6% - and profits up 54.3% - show considerable improvement. That current order book is strong and the recruitment of skilled labour and material shortages are tha main

limiting factors.

Tubes, Fittings and Fabrications Despite the shortages of certain types of steel tube and the problems of tha three day week, output was maintained at a satisfactory level and the divisional results ware highly setisfactory. Currant treding is very buoyant and there is every prospect of continued

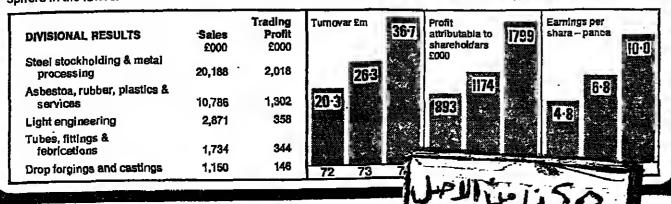
Drop Forgings and Castings

The year showed a good recovery in profitability but does not yat reprasent a fair raturn in relation to capital employed. Ordars on hand are the highest ever reached and the growth potential can only be limited by material and labour shortages.

Current trading is at a higher lavel than the same period last year, but there are so many uncertaintles in the aconomic and political environment that it would be unwise, indeed almost impossible, to make any firm prediction about the current year. However, I believa we are better placed than most to overcome any difficulties and thera is little doubt your company will realise better than average growth in sales and earnings.



Copies of the Report and Accounts ara obtainable from the Secretary, 303 Halesowen Road, Netherton, Dudley, West Midlands DY2 9NR.



The City speaks up for self-regulation

Capital Markets Commit-defeoce of self-regulation the City— and indeed of the arment of Trade's inquiry the management of capital cers that prompted it—is, of se, that the whole topic is se, that the whole topic is by the major controversial interial was a year ago. at perbaps is not entirely in the sense this year has several important aspects elf-regulation raise their —monthly returns by ars and the size of the comarion fund, for instance—relf-regulation as a red-bot cal issue has tended to be ced by more basic matters ced by more basic matters as "weevils" producing and the City's ability to de funds for British

at said, the report ie still capitalism and the sinck et ara going to survive. ugh one member of the littee has marginally dift views un une or two
is of the report—nottha need for some kind of
ory framework for the
—the fact that the come comes down strongly on ide of a continuation of igulation can hardly be ed a surprise. The nub of gument is that self-regulanay not he perfect, but that a the interest of those who their living from the City ke it work and that there le that encourages the in-cion of a comprehensive r lack of use that the Deof tha statutory powers lready exist.

s allow, the debate will ue over the coming is. The main danger at age, bowever, would seem the possibility that the of self-regulation will not on its own and could well, rongly, become inextricentwined in the broader on the relationship of tment and the capital

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ig litigation notwithstand-British Oxygen is still ng io its acquisition of trolling interest in the States group Airco, nine-month £6.28m conon to associated comrectations and comfore-overed the £3.06m interest s on the horrowings to finance the deal. A a profit total for the year d-September which was in quence just above the top f outside expectations was a afire; hut a generally performance elsewhere a 27.8 per cent improveat the trading level in helping offset the effects ficult Australian trading ions—was acknowledged modest ip gain to 201p, the sbares yield just

s, of course, is British o's big selling point, and es safe enough for all that er cent increase in interest es excluding those relating co (the total has come up f10.5m to £18.6m) bas ahly caused some speculaabout the shape of the r case, be comparable with rom 1973, since BOC bas ce revalued its cylinders eogthened their depreciaime, thus throwing up a oe surplus of £5.2m which en absorbed in accelerated ciation on ohsolescent and a switch to LIFO

16 per cent.

revaluation of cylinders and of certain overseas properties, which should improve the look

of the gearing.

A large part of the borrowings consists of tonnage debentures; even so BOC is cancentrating hard on cash management and redirecting its capital speoding accordingly. Meantime, with the group universally cheerful on current trading experience, if this applies to on current trading experience, there is no likelihood of the ample dividend cover being being seriously eroded even if a fall of several points in tha rate of sales growth in the final quarter appropriate the confidence of the c quarter auggests that profits growth this year will by no means be so buoyant.

Copirolization £41.7m Sales £403m (£319m) Pre-tax profits £34.6m (£28.4m) Earnings per share 6.59p (5.58p) Dividend gross 3.31p (3.15p)

Marley

holding steady

Marley emerged from the second baif all square after a 27 per cent fall in the first, but the true trading recovery was not quite so good as it seems. The first half was badly affected by the three-day week and suffered in comparison with a previous balf that took in the pre-VAT huying rush. By contrast the second balf of 1972/73 was a relatively dull period, so, averaged out, the second half trend this time was not much different from the first.
In Marley's markets, however,

holding steady is no mean feat, and for this the group can thank its increasing build-up in the bome improvement and do-it-yourself fields. Overall United Kingdom profits were down somewhat, but general husyancy in bome improvements did much to offset the deterioration on the new bousing side. Even on the new bousing side. Even here, though, Marley reckons it has not been hurt as badly as the housing market as a whole. Public sector building bas remained firm and there has heen further support, apparently, from a fashion switch away from flet roofs to sloping roofs which use Marley's tiles. But a p/e ratio of 2.6 and e yield of 13.8 per cent with the sbares at 31p are a clear sign that nobody is gamhling too hard on Marley's resilience preventing at least some deteriora-

venting at least some deteriora-tion in 1975. The overseas interests, which were modestly higher last year despite weakness in Eire and Germany, may hold up again this year, but DIY is unlikely to ha totally immuna to the general malaise. That suggests lower profits in the United Kingdom again, although hardly on a scale to threaten a dividend that is still more than four times covered.

Final: 1973/74 (1972/73) Capitalization £19.7m Sales £133m (£122m) Pre-tax profits £11.4m (£13.5m) Earnings per share 12.1p (13.9p) Dvidend gross 4.27p (3.7p)

Rothmans warning

signals Rnthmans International shares closed et 141p yesterday, still above the 1973-74 low of 121p though a long way from the

They continue to look unappealing even though the profits reported for the balf year to September 30 were better than the market expected Burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected Burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected Burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected Burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected Burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected Burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were better than the market expected burnelle September 200 were burnelle Sep better than the market ex-pected. But that is not saying

quarter and tax then took a hefty 641 per cent of what was left. The interim dividend is maintained but the directors warn shareholders of the nead to be prudent, and to set the final in the light of the final profit figures.

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This seems a warning to be heeded. Interest on convertible bonds (£4.44m) can only be deducted from United Kingdom profits and thesa were mo small to qualify for reliaf. It looks as if this applies to the second half year as well. In addition, foreign tax charges have risen appreciably.

appreciably.
Interest charges are also on Interest charges are also on the increase, pressing ever more heavily on pre-tax profits. The last balance sheet dated March 31, 1974, showed a big jump in short-term horrowings on which interest rates bad risen.

The trading outlook seems bleak. United Kingdom profits were bit by the March rise in duty, a week-long strike in Ulster and a subsequent transport strike. Rothmans special-

olister and a subsequent transport strike. Rothmans specializes in King Size cigarettes and was hit particularly hard.

The group does e hig export husiness especially to the Middle East but costs are riging too fast for it to benefit from the correspond depreciation. There currency depreciation. There are tentative hopes of a Ger-

man price increase in some months time, hut too late to help the final figures. Rothmans is a pure inbacco group without new interests to bale it out; and it has never done as well as its earlier stock market image as a BAT in minia-ture suggested.

The yield on a maintained dividend (which looks e little unlikely) would be 15.7 per cent while the historic p/e ratio is

Capitalization £20m Sales £480m (£463m) Pre-tax profits £14.32m (£19.2m) Dividend gross 0.81p (0.81p)

Montague Meyer dividend prop

Montague L. Meyer is making the best of a bad job. Pre-tax profits all but halved in the first six months of the year, but the group is quick to point out that the results are not really comparable. Meyer's gross margins were well in excess of reference levels after last year a timher boom and this year's further enforced cuts. At trading profit level, a fall from £9.5m to £7.8m hardly looks like the sort of disaster that share ratings in the timber sector have been awaiting. Indeed it looks fairly good going, hearing in mind that other group's like May & Hassell earlier in the week are taking a very sharp pair of scissors to stock values this year.

What has really dented performance is a hefty rise in borrowing charges from £0.9m to £2.7m. Some of that is accounted for by the group's recent £10m line of mediumterm credit, but bank borrowings will apparently be down inthe next balance-sheet. Meyer has been out of the timber market for several months now, market for several months now, and claims that most of the group's stock was purchased well before prices peaked. On the trading front this should stand them in good stead, although the system of forward contracts means that the timber groups only started feeling the pinch in demand last summer. But a yield of 15½ per cent on the forecast increase in dividend gives some aupport in the

shares at 19p. Interim: 1974-75 (1973-74) Capitalization £7.8m Salas £75m (£64m) Pre-tax profits £4.3m (£8m) much; sales rose by £17m but Earnings per share — (—) pre-tax profits dropped by a Dividend gross 1.34p (1p)

Motorists are paying the price of Government's fuel conservation

Mr Varley has wasted no time in carrying out his pledge to concentrate oil prica rises on petrol for motorists. Yesterday's annumcement acts a new day's annumcement acts a new record, even by the inflated standards of this year, for the size of increase in the price of a gallon of fuel for the average motorist.

Even more important by ending the system of imposing a maximum retail price, be has aerved notice that the Government no lunger intends to act as a barrier between car drivers and the full cost of their action. From Friday, as loog as they obey the other parts of the Price Code, which restrict such things as their gross profits, service stations will be able to charge what they like. For the garage owners, who have been increasingly equeezed in past months by parrowing mar-gins and sagging turnover, the announcement will come as a

great relief. According to the traders, 10 garages have been closing every day because of the squeeze ca their profits, and there have been suggestions that they would etart charging for such traditionally free services as putting air into tyres or clean-ing windscreens.

It is because of the faeling on the part of many retailers that they have not been gerting a fair sbare of the revenue from petrol sales that there ara likely to he price increases considerably above the 10p level foreseen by the Secretary of State in some parts of the country.

The retailers claim that in the past year oil companies bave managed to do very well as a result of their privileged connexions with the producer

The Government, which has remorselessly pushed up the tax on petrol as it has once again become freely evailable, has done even better. Even the credit card com- panies have all the petrol which could have kept the maximum they can persuade the public

total amount charged the customer so they effectively receive commission on that part of the price which is accounted for hy tax. None of these consolations are available to the retailers, who bave noticed that, as well as having their margins squeezed,

Now its owner could pay as much as 74p a gallon.

the bigher taxes have taken their toll on the amount of petrol sold.

panies, which take a percentage of each sale, bave been doing

fairly well because their com-mission is calculated on the

Sales are up from the worst days of the Arah oil embargo, when long queues and shortages at the pumps were the chief constraints. But they have not bounced back with all their old vigour, and the leading oil companies have begun to edge hack into heavy advertising and promotional activity.

Until the next Middle East war comes along, the big compromotional activity.

to buy and probably rather

would bave cost about 8p for a gallon of petrol when this 1909 Humber first came on the road.

It is uncertainty about how people will react to higher people will react to highar prices which may make some retailers at least play along with Mr Varley's expressed bope that prices will not go up by more than 10p a gallon.

But it is likely that a large number of outlets, free at last from the need to bold down their prices to the level the

their prices to the level the Government sets them, will want to take advantage of their rights, if only as a way of finding the funds for promotional offers and giveaways. The station owners are unlikaly to be frightened of Mr Varley's warning that be does

rice system in operation.

Indeed, raising the cost of private momring is an indispensable element in the Government's campaign in wake people in the need in conserve fuel, and Britain's position as the lowest price country in the Nine (apart from Ireland) bas

ment. Even the new prices make only a limited difference to the cost of running a car. The AA estimates the increase at ahout f35 a year for a family saloon which runs 10,000 miles, an increase of only 41 per cent on increase of only 41 per cent on the present cost of £774.

become rather an embarrass-

Despite this limited impact on the pocket of the average motorist, the rises remain a very sensitive issua. That in part at least explains the prickly nature of relations between the Price Commission, which has to pronounce on their applications,

Last week the companies wera abarply critical of the commission for its bandling of claims from six of the leading companies in November. All aix, including some that were heing made for the second time, were turned down

The companies argued that the commission was trying to use technicalities to stop them getting rises to which they were entitled, but which were embarrassing so soon after the Increase in VAT in the November Budget.

The commission, on the orber, hand, argues that the claims were rejected because of failures to observe the prenotifications. cation rules embodied in the Price Code.

The key test is likely m come. early next year, when the oil companies have had time m work out the full implications of the decision by Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries members to switch to a single pricing system for oil.

In doing this, the producers are consciously trying to cut back on the profits of the oil-majors and ensure that extra revenue for producer countries does not result in higher prices for western consumers.

Whether the oil companies will see things in this light, or will try in justify further in-creases to offset the extra price they will bave to pay for crude remains in be seeo.

Whatever they finally decide to do should provide more in-formation in add to the commissioo's file on fuel distribution, which will provide the basis of its report to the Government during the New Year.

But whatever conclusions that . bet that the motorist can expect the price of the gallon in his tank to go nowbere but

David Blake

Need to understand workers' motives brings more psychologists into industry

Occupational psychalogists are playing an increasingly implaying an increasingly important role in the world of labour. The appointment last week of Mr Gilbert Jessop, the Department of Employment's chief psychologist, as head of a new work research unit, marks the beginning of a new stage in the important of the company of the com their progress in the govern-ment service. Many big com-panies now employ psychologists, and academic and professional institutions attempt to understand the minds of those in industry.

In a period when the indivi-dual employee and his work group have achieved a new power, independent of their national organizations, it is important to find our what makes them tick. What are the motives which make them at some periods, in some companies, stop work at the drop of a bat? What do they ex-pect of their jobs and the pay and conditions in which they carry it ont? What are the causes of frustration which makes men absent themselves from work, or devote only a fraction of their energies to it or frequently change johs? And what can he done to relieve that trustration?

The ostensible grievances which lead to disputes are often merely symptoms of an under-lying malaise. Even experienced personnel officers are some-times at a loss to know what really lies behind them. The men may not know themselves. It is often bard to sea why in one company there is a apirit of cooperation, while in another where pay and conditions are equally good and management no less well-intentioned, there is continuous strife.

Experience may enable a close observer to guess fairly well how people will react to

known circumstances, but often not why they will react in that way, and therefore not bow they will react in slightly different circumstances.

It may well be that the special training and practical studies of the occupational psychologist can help, but the growth in their use has been slow. It is only a few years since occupational psychology was recognized as a separate branch by the British Psychological Society in addition to clinical and educational psychology. To become an occupational scientist entails additional work, much of it in the field, after obtaining a degree in psychology.

Psychologists were first brought into the Government by the service departments during the lest war. They were the original "head-shrinkers" who belped to decide for what sort of jobs recruits were suitable. They brought a different approach to training from that of the sergeant-major.

The Ministry of Defence has since widened the field. The psychologists have been con-cerned in ergonomics (the study of man in relation to the environment in which he works, and the application of anatomical, physiological and psycho-logical knowledge to problems arising) to ensure not only that aircraft will fly and masks roll, hnt they are so designed that the physical and mantal strains of photons and driving them will not be excessive.

By degrees other departments followed the Ministry of Defeoce, and in 1950 a civil service class of psychologists was set up covering four grades.

There are now about 250 in the class perhaps half of them occupational psychologists.

prison department of the Home Office, 70 in the Ministry of Defence, 60 in the Department of Employment and its agencies and others in smaller groups.

The chief chief psycbologist
—chairman of the psychologist
class management committee,
which brings the chief psychologists together every two or three months—is Dr Edgar Anstey of the Civil Service Department. He has 22 psychologists under him operating lothree main fields—recruitment and selection, personnel management and organizational studies.

In the first, the Clvil Service

Selection Board bas an established reputation. The person-oel management section bas developed its work since the 1968 other things the introduction of annual appraisal interviews hetween management and staff. It is in the organizational studies that the main scope for future development lies. Here Mr Jessop's DE unit will be aiming to increase work satisfaction. The psychologists have the backing of the Civil Service heads in plans to give a greater say to staff in the running of local offices—in which about three quarters of the Civil Service works. Experiments bave already started and others will

and Social Security, after joh satisfaction studies, bave a model office at Swansea where duties have heen reorganized to give the ataff a controlling say in the way they apply central directives and conse-tral directives and conse-quently, it is boped, provide a more flexible and understand-ing service for the public with whom they deal.

The Department of Health

Such changes are heing car-

by differences over pay.

The Home Office psychologists are concerned mainly with guidance to prison inmates, but guidance to prison inmates, but they bave a more varied role under Mr J. R. Teasdale, in the Employment Service Agency, which recently claimed that before long it would have the largest group of occupational scientists in the country.

It is setting up teams in each of its areas. Most of the agency's psychologists are employed in

psychologists are employed in the 18 area offices or attached to the 26 industrial rehabilitation units where they bave guidance on snirable work.

They recently started a series of trials to see whether executive officers can take over units, leaving the psychologists more time to counselling difficult cases, ao increasing proportion of which suffer mental rather than physical handicaps. The psychologists are also able under this system to do some outside work which makes their own jobs more satisfying.

In the areas, the psychologists help with difficult cases teferred to them by the employmeot advisers and career officers, visit occupational guidance units and give on-theich training to guidance job training to guidance officers. A team at the head office of the agency advises on general policy, the guidance service and training for agency etaff which is on a larger scale than ever before.

They will also participate in mostly short-term research, in-cluding a programme designed to appraise industrial rehabili-

tation procedures.

The establishment of the DE unit under Mr Jessop will mean a notable expansion in British

ried out with the cooperation of long-term research into the the staff associations where relations have not been poisoned Something has been done by independent organizations but on the whole Britain has conon the whole Britain has contributed less in this field than others, such as the United States, the Scandinaviao countries and Holland. The Norwegian Work Research Institute in particular carried through an important three year programme in the late 1960s.

The work research unit line cludes behavioural scientists,

engineers and industrial relations experts with practical experience. It will operate on the assumption that satisfying work must provide some coal lenge, variety, an element of discretion and responsibility, the use of the worker's capabilities, scope for development managers, union representatives and workers to explore together the possibilities of restructuring

work to make jobs more satisfying in these ways. The potential benefits, it is suggested, include reduced labour turn over and absenteeism, higher productivity and improvements in industrial relations generally. The unit also has £180,000 available to sponsor research by universities and other bodies. in which chaoges in work organization will be made and the results watched. Already projects are under way in an electronic engineering assembly

plant and a bakery.

Mr Jessop would like in the next few months to inidate studies among hospital nurses, in the chemical industry, a chain of garages and among clerical workers. It is not only asaembly line work which car be changed into something more varied and interesting.

Eric Wigham

Business Diary: ICI's catalysts • Christmas destocking

scientists from Imperial ical Industries agriculdivision called at Bucking-'alace yesterday to receive Prince Philip the £25,000 ohert Award for 1974— Council of Engineering arions' award for innovatechnology which con-es to "the national ge and prosperity of the d Kingdom". ry are Tom Pearce, George er, Phineas Davies, John gher and Derek Corn-

Jack Callard, ICI chair-received a gold medal RRH Princa Philip (the president) on hehalf of eveloper company. ir contribution was to op "high activity cata"-substances which effily trigger chemical reis in methanol and
-nuia plants. The ICI team ned and made new cata-which permitted lower-ure (and hence more unical) processes. enty-three of the 29 new anol plants which bave

designed or constructed e world since 1966 use the

rocess. In licence fees and

old rush

he 12th Day of Christmas Inited States intends to un-2 million ounces of gold o the marker. There are that this will depress the market price of gold, but ghted gold speculators are life discounting this idy discounting this.

ley have their eyes firmly

i on January, 1976, for that

year is the hi-centenary of the American Republic, and who knows bow many commemora-tive medallions, coins and other items of gold memorahlia will he struck in remembrance. If every American citizen and

the United States population is now estimated to be 210 million. were to huy only 1 ounce of gold, this would equal a demand for more than 50 million ounces of gold. So who's worried ebout a "glut" of 2 million onnces next month?

Chief barker

Even though the European Commission has indefinitely postponed the battles of the British loaf and the British pint, there remains one more bone of contention—British cat

bone of contention—British cat and dog food.

Mr Donald Mathias, chairman of Pedigree Petfoods, the Mars subsidiary, is from New Year's Day m be the first British president of tha European Pet Food Manufacturers' Association. He succeeds Mr Tom Zaaijer of Quaker Oats Graanproducten, the Netherlands. Zaaijer of Quaker Uats Gragnproducten, the Netherlands.
One of Mr Mathias'a jobs as
president is to press for a
greater understanding on the
part of the Brussels mandarins
of the interests of pets—or at vst sales, mey have brought to Britain.

of the interests or person of the interests of person manufacturers, for ara these not the same?

In particular, the manufacturers are after a rethink of a directive which lumps meathered person together with based perfoods together with cereal based animal feedstuffs. and thus restricts the use of certain additives and colourings essential to the inttrests of pets as perceived by pet food manufacturers.
Mr Mathias is the associa-

tion's third president and first from Britain. Since the British association, of which he is also chairman, joined the association three years agn, the European body changed from a collection of companies to one of national associations, and thereby licensed to treat with the commission.

His appointment mirrors the strength of the British per food market. Our national Pet Food Manufacturers' Association esti-mates that the European turu-over of the pet food industry is about £300m, only twice the British national mtal.

Energetic

At least one organization is finding the energy and economic crisis a time for growth. Preliminary estimates by the Fulmer Research Institute at Stoke Poges, near Slough, show turnover at the end of the year to be more than £1m against £760,000 last year.

Allowing for inflation of wages and overheads this is almost 50 per cent up on the annual rate of growth of the past few years. At least one organization is

past few years.
Fulmer is unusual among the

independent scientific labora-tories offering to do research for industry and government departments on a contract basis. departments on a contract basis. It is owned by a body of professional scientists, the Institute of Physics, which bought the laboratories some years ago on the suggestion of Sir James Taylor, a former chairman of the Royal Ordnance Factories

tic. Originally it concentrated on Malawi was suggested, but tha light engineering and aircraft materials before expanding its team of metallurgists, electron-microscopists, chemists, physi-cists and engineers to explore a wider range of industrial prob-

One of their most important for a three-day meeting.

Solution of their most important for a three-day meeting.

Finally it was agreed that Addis Ahaba should be privileged. Came the bloody phase ineers to select less energy of the revolution, and clearly One of their most important new projects, known as the "Fulmer materials optimizer", is a scheme to help design engineers to select less energy-consuming materials for their work. Methods of analysis have been developed for measuring the energy intensiveness of a material from the moment of extracting an one right through extracting an ore right through its processing and forming or forging stage to make a compo-

nent.
The retiring chairman is Bill Merton, who is now chairmendesignate of Robert Fleming Hudings. Merton juined Fulmer in 1945 as a board member, when be was scientific adviser to Erlangers bank. His successor, John Rose,

comes from a research and in-dustrial career with ICI, being ICl'a research development director and a main board

Points of venue

The choice of Dakar as the site of today's ministerial meeting of the 46 developing countries who are negotiating a new trade and aid agreement with the EEC was by no means lightly agreed.

Originally it was felt that, since the final signing of the agreement early next year was the Royal Ordnance Factories
Board.
Fulmer Research specializes
in solving problems of all kinds
of engioeering materials,
whether metallurgical or plas-

prospect of Blantyre and Dr Banda aroused somathing less

Then someone suggested Fiji

—a more appealing idea, hut
really, it was eventually conceded, rather a long way to go

Addis was out. Ever anxioue to help, ldi Amin offered Kampala Naturally, however, there was no great enthusiasm to give anything looking like a seal of approval to bis regime.

Eventually, at the last minner, French-speaking Dakar was a compromise.

Weevil-minded

chosen as a compromise.

The Christmas spirit has at last percolated through to the floor of the Stock Exchange, where there was hectic trading in an there was hetche trading in an unusual new issue yesterday. This was of a hadge inscribed "I am a weavil. Harold bates me." It refers to remarks made last month by the Prime Minister about people who sold shares short during the August Stock Exchange

panic.
The 1,000-badge issue was rapidly oversubscribed, with badges changing bands at the close at a bid price of 25p, compared with the offer price

Even the offer price, as one wag pointed out, was dearer than British Leyland shares. The one-day issue a hit of free enterprise by some high-spirited jobhers and brokers.

C.L.R.P. INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

(Chairman: A. G. Touche, F.C.A.)

The following are salient points from the Report and Accounts of the company for the year to 31st August, 1974.

* In March 1974 the company borrowed US\$3m at a fixed rate of interest for 5 years. The ordinary dividends for the year total 1.2Sp, an increase of 13.7 per cent. With the tax credit the increase is 18.5 per cent.

The natural resources of Australia give that country excellent long-term prospects. Like Britain with its oil, if it does not eventually flourish, the inhabitants will bave only themselves to blame. The November budget shows that the Chancellor understands the problems facing the Western World in general and United Kingdom companies in particular. Unfortunately there is little encouragement of thrift, which is in danger of being destroyed in the United Kingdom by

The market values of the twenty largest investments were as follows:

Jerdine Japan Fund

Hothlyn

Consobidated Gold Fields

Lend Leasa
Sbell Transport & Trading
Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking
General Electric (U.K.)

3M United Kingdom
Vaal Reefs Exploration & Mining
These investments total £2,409,000 or 28.6

Anglo American Gold

Boots

Hothlyn

Myer Emporium

Broken Hill Proprie
Burroughs Machines
Smiths Industries
St. Martins Property
Barelays Bank
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Broken Hill Proprietary
Burroughs Machines
Smiths Industries St. Martins Property Corpn.

PROGRESS DUDING THE DAST TEN WEADO

Year to 31st August	Gross Income	Total assets less current liabilities	Ordinar Earnings	y ahares Dividends	Net asset Value
196S 1969	347,383 341,056	5,964,429 8,983,318	p 1.5 9 1.61	p 1.3125 1.3125	31 t
1973 1974	427,579 622,172	12,669,774 9,370,185	1.43 1.78	1.099	52 <u>†</u> 76 1 4:
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IMPERIAL CONTINENTAL GAS ASSOCIATION

Interim Statement

half Year to	Half Year to	Full Year to
36.9.74	30.9.73	31.3.74
£.000	£_000	£"000
28,312	19,525	58,096
3.736	3,160	16,638
2,509	1,900	4,239
1,221	1,260	6,399
122	114	4,547
(918)	(688)	(1,557)
425	686	9,389
335	301	4,970
98	385	4,416
21	36	65
- 66	349	4,324
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The consolidated results are those of the Association and its subsidiaries excluding its Belgian subsidiaries.

Belgian subsidiary companies are not consolidated in accordance with the dispensations granted by the Department of Trade.

The taxation charges relating to the half year m 30th September, 1973 have been adjusted to take account of the increase in the U.K. Corporation

Interim Dividend

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending the 31st March, 1975 of 2.68p on £34,147,999 Ordinary Capital Stock costing £915,166; this is equivalent to a gross dividend of 4%. The dividend will be paid on the 2nd April, 1975 to stockholders on the register at the close of business on the 21st February, 1975 and compares with the gross interim dividend paid on the 2nd April, 1974 of 6% on £17,067,863 Ordinary Capital Stock which cost £716,850 net. The Capital of the Association was doubled as the result of a capitalisation issue during

The Directors cannot emphasise too strongly that the results shown for the half year provide no guidance concerning the probable results for the year. Apart from income from General Investments, which is relatively insignificant, the Association's investment income is derived from dividends from Belgian companies, all of which are booked in the second half of the financial year. Present indications are that the Group share of earnings after tax of the Belgian subsidiary companies will, in terms of Belgian Francs, be appreciably greater than that for 1973/74.

Of the United Kingdom subsidiaries the Calor Group's turnover for the half year increased by 45% over that for the same period last year, but the level of trading profit rose by only 21%. This reflects mainly the effects of heavily increased material costs and of U.K. Government price cootrols. Income from Calor's newly expanded activities in the U.S. will now fall into the second half of the financial year due m delay in the maize harvest caused by drought. Rises in both depreciation charges and financing costs have accentuated the normal seasonal first half trough resulting in a pre-tax loss. However, the Directors expect that with normal winter conditions and barring a major economic disruption, the full year m March, 1975 will show an improvement over 1973/74.

The value of gas and liquids sold from the Hewert Field by Century Power and Light Limited rose by 15% but trading profits before depreciation and financial charges increased by only 2% owing to cost escalations not yet reflected in sale prices.

The charge for taxation has been calculated at the provisional rate of 52% but certain losses of overseas subsidiaries in the first half year do out give rise in a corresponding tax offset. However, it is expected that these losses will be offset by profits arising in the second half of the year.

Under the present legislation the maximum total dividend payable for the year ending the 31st March, 1975 will be 6.855775p which is equivalent to a gross dividend of 10.2325%. Provided that circumstances do not change unduly your Directors intend in recommend the maximum permitted

As previously reported, negotiations have been taking place at the request of the Belgian Government for the rationalisation of the Belgian electricity industry and the Directors of the eight private enterprise companies engaged in the industry have now agreed in principle m regroup inm three companies by the 30th June, 1975. Although the final terms have yet to be settled, the agreement in principle provides for the Association m have a major shareholding, but not a controlling shareholding, in an enlarged company engaged in production, transmission and distribution, which will result from the merger of certain other entities with Electrogaz.

BOC Profit Results

British Oxygen

Year to 30th September 1974

Sales of BOC end its subsidieries Operating costs	1974 £'000 403.424 338.335	1873 £'000 319,123 282,808
Depreciation	65,089 19,894	56,317 18,319
Add: BOC share of associated companies' profits	45,385 7.779	37,998 891
GROUP TRADING PROFIT	53,174	38,888
Europe Africa America Asia Pacific	21,788 8,745 8,302 2,226 11,113	18.128 8.845 1.452 1.976 10.486
Interest	53,174 18,539	38,889 10,511
GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAX Tax	34,835 17,444	28,378 13,938
Minorities	17,191 3,664	14.440 3.058
	13,527	11,382
Less: Extraordinery losses (profits) nat, after tax	806	(1.080)
AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL	12,621_	12,462
Dividends—Preference —Intarim ordinery —Proposed final	88 1.661 2,855	95 1,838 2,849
Profit retained ·	4,602 8,019	4.562 7,880
	12,621	12,462
Earnings per 25p share (203,938,447 fully paid ordinary)	6.59p	5.55p

A revaluation of cylinders has been carried out by our major companies and e change made in cylinder depreciation policy based on current replacement costs end a revised assessment of durability. These changes produced a revenue surplus of £5.2 million. Wa have used this opportunity end ebsorbed the surplus by accalarating dapreciation of obsolescent plant, the adoption by soma Group companies of tha LIFO or similar method of stock valuation and by other financially prudent measures.

A capital surplus arising from the revaluation of cylinders and of certain proparties overseas has been taken direct to reserve and emounts to soma £20 millions.

The BOC share of associated company profits includes £6,276.000 from Airco Inc. and interest paid on the related borrowings amounted to £3,062,000.

Research and development costs of £3,558,000 (1973: £3,380,000) have been absorbed against regional trading.

Your directors recommend a final dividend of 1.4p as last year per 25p ordinary share meking a total of 2.216025p for tha year (1973 2.205p).

Books closed for the final dividend and reports and accounts to shareholdars, 28 Fabruary; posting of final dividend warrants 1 April: ahareholders' meeting 25 Merch.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Growth in Belgian market holds key to year's earnings of IC Gas

another record year, with pretax profits likely to grow from United States animal foods sub-f9.39m to probably something sidiary (which suffered from the profits likely to grow from £9.39m to probably something above £11m.

The figures for the six months to end-September are, as usual, almost meaningless as Calor Gas only ticks over during the sum-mer months, while dividend income from the Belgian activiclosing balf.

At Calor Gas, turnover expanded 45 per cent to £27.8m and trading profits by 21 per cent to £3.52m. But after e sbarp increase in interest and depreciation charges, last time's

Cranleigh

loss after

to August 31.

special items

Gloomy news from Cranleigh Group, apart from steps to dis-continue its investment and

The extraordinary items are

made up of surplus on conver-aion of loan stock, £161,000 profit, sales of Seddon Diesel

investment, £83,000 profit, over-

provision for loss oo sales of subsidiaries profit of £45,000 (loss of £107,000), provision for loss on Secil Properties, £296,000, loss on shares

By Andrew Wilson pretax profit of £203,000 was where IC Gas has a 59 per cent reversed into a loss of £77,000. stake, was hit by escalating mid-term, the Imperial Continuated for in overall improvement is in turnover is budgetted for in turnover is budgetted. delayed maize harvest) expected

to break even.

Earnings from Belgium. which come chiefly from the Electrogaz and Antwerpse Gas. gas and electricity distribution income from the Belgian activities is booked only in the increase for the full year by around 25 per cent. This arises from the strength of the Belgian franc against sterling and from higher profits on the indexlinked tariffa on the services supplied by the companies. Century Power and Light,

the full year; this should push gross profits some £50,000 ahead to £540,000.

More important, however, is the Government's eventual decision on tax on the North Sea oilfields where Century has a 9 per cent stake in the Meureen field and an undisclosed holding in the key Andrew field.

The interim dividend is being raised from 3p to 4p gross and the final will be increased by the maximum possible, indicat-ing a total for the year of 10.2p (9.05p).

J&HB Jackson tops £1m with momentum held

curve last year after two lean periods, and more optimistic at midway after successfully riding cominue its investment and financial division, as fore-sbadowed in October, is that although a pre-tax profit is returned of £772,000 against £1.12m, after deduction of extraordinary items of £832,000 (against £69,000) the "attributable" loss amounts to £470,000 compared with a profit of £542,000. Turnover was up from £8.04m to £9.19m for the year to August 31. over the troubles of the threeday week, J. & H. B. Jackson maintained its interim spurt throughout the full term m September 30. This group of steel and non-ferrous merchants turns in taxable profit 20 per cent higher at £1.34m (beating £1m for the first time), on turn-over also up ar the same rate m £10.43m. Earnings per share work out at 3p compared with 2.7p.

The board is not recommending a final dividend (against 0.2p) for the year past as the maximum payable is less than 1 per cent gross. Therefore, the total comes out at 0.603p against 0.503p. However, it will pay an 0.575p. However, it will pay an interim dividend for the year to September 30, 1975, of 0.5p,

Advertising

& marketing

show a rise of 10 per cent in ex

penditure on press advertising

same month last year.

The comparative results are distorted by rate increases and discounts but nevertheless indicate a real increase on last year.

The November figures bring the total for the year so far to between 2 and 3 per cent below

1973. The industry, bowever, is

extremely apprehensive about the early part of next year. Many large food manufac-turers including Cadbury

Schweppes, Heinz and Unilever

have sharply reduced their spending on advertising this

peckaging materials to competi-

Food manufacturers account for between 3S and 40 per cent

of television advertising expen-

diture and widespread reduc-tions could bave serious implications for ITV contrac-

and 12 per cent in television advertising compared with the

Heving regained its growth payable on March 11, on which a casb/scrip option is proposed. Corporation tax saving under the smck appreciation proposals outlined in the recent Budget were about £170,000 for the year past, under which they have risen in value from \$1.3m to £2.86m. For the year ahead, momentum gathered in the final six months of the preced-

W Motor pass interim
Continuing to experience
difficult times profits of
Western Motor Holdings fell
from £159,000 to £45,000 in the

£1.3m for control of French bank

By John Plender

ings) is to pay around £1.3m for a controlling interest in Pom-mier et Cie, a small French bank which specializes in discounting trade bills. Subject to Pommier becoming a limited company, the purchase should take place hefore the year end.
Agreement in principle to acquire a 73 per cent stake in Pommier from Banque Saint Phalle was reached over a year ago, hut formalities beve proved lengthy, a spokesman for Bates said last night. Medium-term dollar finance was arranged for the deal with London banks at the time of the original negotiations, he added.

A further 18 per cent of Pommier is controlled by its president, M Christian Pommier and the sbares are traded in the over-the-counter market in Paris. Bates is paying Fr120 a share compared with a recent quote of Fr80. The company bas a balance sbeet footing of just under £10m and made net profits of around £76,000 in the year to December, 1973.

Bates, which recently sold its

ing year continues in the open-iog two months of the present

Bates pays

Edward Bates & Sons (Hold-

Welfare Insurance subsidiary at a book loss of around £91m, is boping to build up internetional business in the French company and to increase its corporate financing activities.

Alcan's Norway sale through

Aluminium's holding in the Ardal og Sunndal compeny, to balf to June 30. In the previous 12 months the decline was from £414,000 to £343,000.

The dividend is passed, against gian Government and will now

Greenall Whitley kee record intact with marginal rise to £5.11

The result of Greenall Whitley, the largest of the regional the situation may be relbrewers, for its last full period, is rather hetter then expected

in that profits were aheed, albeit only marginally.

In the 12 months to September 27 profits of the group, which operates throughout the North-West, North Wales and also in part of the west Midlands, rose by £30,000 to a record £5.12m pre-tax. But baving been 14 per cent ahead at half-way (a rise in the price of beer helping to offset rising costs over the initial half) the return from the second six months was down from £3.01m to £2.74m.

If the trend is down th to some extent by another increase, notification of v is currently before the Commission.

Coming from turnover creased from £47.3m to £ the pre-tax is struck afte cost of repairing prope which rose from £1.371 £1.71m, depreciation maint at £1.3m and interest cb of £1.16m (£1.09m). Ear were 5.11p (6.14p) and a dividend of 1.88p raise total from 2.69p to 2.97p.

Fenner geared up for expansion

In the wake of last year's good performance, power-trans-mission engineers and conveyorreckon to be "well equipped to cope with eny problems ahead"; and Mr Joseph Palmer, chairman, is coofident that the group will continue to prosper. At home Fenner eojoyed buoyant conditions last year, and the board is still cheerful about the outlook here, particu-larly now that the recent slackening in the order intake in the materials-hendling divi-

Performance abroad "even more striking", t to "a substautially widene increased penetration".

End-year overdrafts si from £863,000 to £2.4n finance a big increase in st hut gearing is still rela low, and the directors are fident of the company's : m finance e big capital-spe

David Brown recently acquired an 11. cent stake in the group; R has 11.6 per cent.

The sale of half of Alcan

Property Hldg & Inv Income for the first half year declined from £815,000 to £727,000 at Property Holding & Investment Trust, after bigher interest charges of £370,000 (£258,000). Earnings a share are down from 3.39p to 3.07p, while the interim dividend is beld at 1.75p net. The board

intends to raise the year's total

from 4.5p to 4.75p.

sion appears reversed.

Danks Gowerton Announcing e rise in it: pre-tax profits from £2 to £347,000, Mr A. Roe man of Danks Gowerton thet the board's aim is pend turnover and profi Sales advanced by 26 pe to £4.28m. Group finance sufficient to sustain its p

growth, and orders are high level.

Thames TV and Capital Radio link in sales drive

Capital Radio, one of the two
London commercial radio stations, has linked with Thames
Television in a joint advertisement selling exercise. Rate
cards offering a combination of
televisioo and radio spots are to be mailed out to advertisers and agencies this week.

The package includes radio The package includes radio advertisements in Capital's morning and early afternoon peak listening hours with evening television spots. It is aimed at local advertisers such as retailers and entertainment promoters, Bookings will be handled by either partner but handled by either partner but Thames will deal with centralized accounting.

The link between the two media comes as something of a surprise since commercial radio was initially regarded as a direct competitor to the ITV contractors. However, the cutbacks in off-peak TV programming means that there is little overlep in the advertise-ment times offered.

times offered. year. The reasons given for the Meanwhile Capital, which adcuts range from shortages of mits to substantial overspending in setting up the station, is continuing its negotiations for additional finance. Initial shareholders were Dominiast with 32.5 per cent, Local News of London with 1S per cent, Rediffusion with 15 per cent, Evening Standard with 11 per cent and The Observer with 8.50 per cent. It is not yet known whether the extra funds will come from these or from new shareholders.

Buoyant sales

Despite large cutbacks by established users, the advertising industry enjoyed unexpec-tedly huoyant gross seles in November. Results compiled by Media Expenditure Analysis

Business appointments

tive pressures.

Holiday campaign

The Butlin group is battling for an increased ahara of the British boliday market next year with a £500,000 television and press advertising campaign The Ladbroke Group is also planning an intensive advertising drive to promote its receotly ecquired holiday centres.

Patricia Tisdall

New chief for Lloyd's **Aviation Underwriters**

Mr Donald Mathias, chairmae of tha Pet Food Manufacturers' Asso-ciation, and chairman of Pedigree Petfoods, has been elected presi-dent of the European Pet Food Manufacturers' Association.

Mr C. J. Pumphrey has joined the hoards of Carliol Investment Trust and Tyneside Investment Mr John Hitchcock has been appointed to the board of Salter Industrial Measurement.

Mr H. Dalton-Brown, manager of Johannesburg Coosolidated Investment Company and chairman of Otilhase Mining Company (Pty) of South West Africa and the Shangani Mining Corporation. has been appointed in the board of "Johnnies".

Mr Gerry Lawler has joined the Mr Gerry Lawler has joined the board of Cymru Buildings.
Mr Len Merchant has become a director of Libra Computing.
Mr Michael Adams joins the board of Foster Brothers Ciothing.
Mr Jack D. Newell has been appointed contracts director of

Mr Jack D. Newell has been appointed cootracts director of Industrial Energy Costs.
Dr Milorad Maksimovic, and executive director of Harris & Dixon, has additionally been appointed as managing director of Verlies Insurance of Lagos. Veritas Insurance of Lagos.

Mr Penton Robb bas become director of marketing for Scottish

Primary Contact Limited &

Incorporated Practitioners

in Advertising

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Mr Alun Davies has been elected chairman of Lloyd's Aviation Underwriters' Association. Mr Neill Hill becomes deputy chairman.

Mr Derek Mooo has heed appointed managing director of Garrard Engineering.

Mr Donald Mathias, chairman of the Pet Food Manufacturers' Association, and chairman of Pedigree Petfoods, has heen elected president of the European Pet Food

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Silk Mills.

Mr Peter Sottliffe has been made sales director of Diamond Shamrock Chemicals.

Mr R. J. W. Crabbe and Mr D. J. Welch have become directors of Sterling Credit Group. Mr Crabbe is chairman of Provident Life Assuranca and Mr Welch a director of Rankors Trust Interdirector of Bankers Trust Inter-

Mr John Rothwell, a director of Lowndes Lambert (Northern), has been appointed a director of H. B. Williams, Revess.
Mr Derek Hayes and Mr Clifford Sendelson have resigned as directors of Orme Developments.

Mr George Ashtoo has been elected president of the British independent Steel Producers Association.

Association.

Following Mr D. M. Rhead's election as chairman-designate of LCP Roldings, he relioquishes the office of financial director and chairmanship of the engineering sub-group which is now to be ecossinated as a separate division. Mr D. B. Clark is appointed to the main board as financial director and Mr M. H. Craddock is elected chairman of the engineering division.

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The Woolwich

"Society's immense financial strength"

Speech by the Chairman, Mr Alexander Meikle, CBE, CA, FBS, to the 127th Annual General Meeting of the Members held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Strees, London WC2, on Tuesday, 17th December 1974.

The past year has been one of changing fortunes.

Interest rate changes

There had been in the preceding July, that is to say in July 1973, the altogether unprecedented increase in Bank Rate (or Bank of England minimum lending rate, call it what you will!) from 71 per cent to 111 per cent. Inevitably this led to a fall in the flow of funds to the Society and an increase in withdrawals.

Your Board met this situation by raising the rate of interest on the Society's ordinary share accounts as from 1st October 1973, the first day of the year under review, from 62 per cent to 72 per cent (basic rate income tax being paid by the Society). The initial response to this increased rate was good, producing a net inflow of new capital at about the rate we had been accustomed to earlier in the

However, on 13th November 1973 the Bank of England once again raised its minimum lending rate, this time in 13 per cent. The effect on the Society's funds was much a repetition of the previous July experience. A good deal of money was attracted away from building societies by the rates offered by local authorities and also by the competition of income bonds which was not corrected until the Chancellor's Budget in March

Your Board preferred not to raise the rates of interest then offered to investors as this would have required a still further increase in the already historically high rate of 11 per cent being charged to borrowing members. Nor did we consider it appropriate in the then prevailing financial climate to run down our resources of cash and investments. Indeed throughout this difficult period the Society maintained substantial balances on call or at short notice with banks in addition to our holdings of very short-dated Government securities so that large sums of money were always available if required. And so we were able to meet the position when the savings inflow was matched by withdrawals; we were obliged to cut back our new lending to a level which we felt could be supported by repayments of capital by borrowers, together with interest which our investors lesve with us m be added m their capital. We were thus much restricted in the volume of new mortgage business which we could entertain but husiness did go on and our new advances continued at a level of £100 million per annum.

Government loan

Against this background the Board welcomed the offer by the Government to make available to building societies in the five months from April to August 1974 a loan of, in all, £500 million on condition that participating societies did not increase their main borrowing and lending rates of interest. The Society took its share of these temporary loans. By 30th September £20 million had been received and a further £14 million was received thereafter, of which total £63 million has already been received.

Investment Certificates

In May 1074 an issue of Investment Certificates was announced by the Society. These Certificates offer a return of 1 per cent above the rate payable from time to time on the Society's ordinary share accounts to the investor who is prepared to commit his capital for two years. The present rate of interest on these Certificates is, therefore, 84 per cent with income tax at the basic rate paid by the Society and the issue has been successful both in attracting new money and in adding to the stability of our capital

These measures - the Government loan and Investment Certificates - together with an easing in the level of short-term interest rates enabled us to increase substantially the volume of new mortgage business in the second half of our year.

In the result, advances for the year totalled £137 million. A disappointing figure when compared with the total of £217 million in the previous year; but a considerably better figure than seemed possible in the early part of the year. At the year-end the volume of mortgage husioess awaiting completion in the normal course had increased to £50 million. In all we were able last year to belp some 20,000 families to buy their own homes.

Total assets exceed £1,000 million

It is pleasant to record that, in this difficult and testing year for all financial institutions, the Society's total assets passed the milestone of £1,000 million. The Society celebrated its Centenary in 1947 when the total assets reached £50 million. Seven years later in 1954 they had doubled to £100 million;

and now twenty years oo they have increased tenfold to f 1.000 million. The number of our members, investing and corrowing, has now passed one million. At the end of the year our liquid balances amounted to £182 million representing 17.42 per cent of total assets.

EQUITABLE BUILDING SOCIETY This is a higher ratio than we are accustomed to see but London SE18 6AB

not unduly high in these uncertain times. I want is ticular to underline that these balances were and an fiquid. More than £98 million was held in git-securities which despite very adverse Stock Exc prices had a market value of £95 million. Our i ments are predominantly short-dated and hi redemption value of £104 million. Indeed most of securities could have been realised without any I the Society. It is a measure of their strength the remains the position today despite the substantial f fall in the index of Government securities since th of our Balance Sheet. The remainder of our investi some £84 million, were held at seven days' notio banks and local authorities or in bank certifica

deposit. The balance of revenue for the year was £1,098, which was added a surplus realised on invest during the year of £1,628,000 and against whic

charged a transfer of £390,000 to our Staff Pension Fund. Ther the General Reserve at the year-end amounted to £32,687,000. Although I speak so confidently of the Society's immense fin strength and, indeed, with satisfaction at the way it has coped wi problems of the past year, we are not complacent nor are we oblive :the problems of others. We know only too well the difficulties -private bousehuilders, with numbers of completed and unsold hou their hands and new bouse starts falling to a reported 20-year low at .. in September last, compared, for example, with a moothly average c 19,000 in 1972. It has been and continues to be our policy to mair generous allocation of mortgage funds to assist the purchase o bouses. Builders everywhere will doubtless be encouraged by the c improved availability of huilding society funds and I hope ere long a like improvement in new house sales and starts.

First-time purchasers

We are also concerned about the problems facing first-time pure after the upsurge in house prices in 1972/73. But let there be no mi first-time purchasers are not all young couples, our are all the people unable to help themselves. Our own current experience show ouly some 40 per cent of, let me call them, 'first-timers' are under 20 of age and, taking the country as a whole, the average price paid hy young people was little short of £8,000 towards which they provid

average a deposit of £1,200.

First-timers (of all ages, including some well over 50 years c currently account for around 50 per cent of all our new advances. I few of these cases, only 1 in 6, is the borrower's personal stake property less than 10 per cent. Seldom is the period of repayment mortgage more than 25 years, and very rarely indeed above 30 yes the case of young couples a much shorter period is often selected start in order to run the mortgage down that much more quickly wh wife cootinoes at work, the period being extended - thus reduci mortgage repayments - if her earnings cease.

In brief we are doing all we can to assist first-time purchaser those with mortgage problems are most welcome to discuss them with managers and staff at our branches.

The current year

Our present interest rate structure which, as I have already said, co mainly of the combination of a (net) ordinary Share interest rate of cent with a mortgage interest rate of 11 per cent is serving our need adequately for the present. Investments with the Society have beer buoyant since the start of our new financial year on 1st October si demand for home loans is also on a high level. In the two months to November new advances exceeding £40 million were made to

6,500 borrowers. I would add that over the whole field of our mortgage husine average ratio of our advances to purchase prices is well below 60 pe. A typical borrower is prepared and usually prefers to pot as much

n of his existing resources into his house.

None of us can foretell the next movement in interest rates gen But while our 71 per cent (net) Share interest rate continues to prolevel of investment business which enables the Society to maintain its strong liquid position and a satisfactory outflow of home loar provided there is no material adverse change meantime in the rate payable by the Society nor further serious falls in the Stock Exc prices of Government securities we do not expect to have to in during our current financial year the present mortgage interest 1

In per cent. We say this in the light of our high balance of Reserve and of despite rising costs, remains our reasonable ratio of management exp And I assure you that as always the policy of the Board will be c safe and caurious

I shall suhmit to you a separate resolution concerning the exwork of our staff during the past year. Meantime I move: That the Directors' Report together wit Annual Accounts for the year ended 30th Sept 1974 certified by Messrs Jackson, Pixley & Con Chartered Accountants, the Society's Auditor

received. The Vice-Chairman, Sir Oliver Chesterton. second this motion.

(The resolution having been seconded was duly car

Increase

WE Norton's pace accelerates

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informed even hetter than experiod, with much more than
lubled profits. On runover ineased from £2m to £2,75m,
rable earnings bounded from
3,000 to £185,000 for the half
September 30 and the "availlie" from £34,000 to £89,000.

the half-6me payment is 0.45p
painst 0.37p oo which there are
eivers oo 1.76 million shares.

For the rest of the year all
pears to be going well. Inming orders continue at a
foll level, and results for the
li 12 months to March 31
ould be better than any prejusty reported.

Normand to rally
from poor start

An interim sllp in profits
from £383,000 to £364,000 before
that at Normand Electrical Holdlings prompted a decline in the
share price yesterday, although
the board predict that profits
for the full year should be simifor the full year should be simi-

iterim peak

Turning in a record £1.5m a year, Cooper Industries, the it year, Cooper Industries, the dlaods steel, engineering and ilding group, maintained the ce in the opening half to tober 31 with hest ever halfne earnings. Pre-tax profit panded 14 per ceot to 37,000, on turnover 26 per nt bigher at £12.09m. The erim dividend is 0.52p against adjusted 0.49p, and it is adjusted 0.49p, and it is sected that the final will he maximum permitted. fax figures are omitted be-se substantial group and sortium relief will be avail-e which cannot he accurately mified at present. But the charge will be minimal. It also expected that deferment tax in excess of £250,000 will obtained by stock relief pro-

t Factors

Annouocing taxable profits last term up 46 per cent to 6,000 Mr John McQueston, urman of International Factors (75 per cent owned by yds & Scottisb and 25 per n by First National Bank of too), told shareholders the time of husiness handled rose 5102m with the international a accounting for 26 per cent. mings were up from 24.7p 31.9p a shares.

Diffusion-Shipton ound Diffusion has sold back Bankers Trust International

An interim slip in profits from £383,000 to £364,000 before tax at Normand Electrical Holdings prompted a decline in the sbare price yesterday, although the board predict that profits for the full year should he similar to the £665,000 record achiaved last year.

Sbarcholders will be paid an interim of 1.17p, against 1p gross, and the final is also to be raised hy the maximum allowed by the Treasury. Order books are strong for the rest of the year, and production is being stepped up.

Lindsay & Williams leaping ahead

The revitalised Lindsay & Williams is consolidating its return to the dividend list by adding a second interim of 1.49p to that already declared, hringing the total for the 10 months to October 31 to 2.98p (against 2p for the whole of

Taxable profits for the 10 mooths are £250,500, against £29,000 for the whole of last

year, and include an exceptional profit of £58,000.

The board would like shareholders to receive some further henefit when the final figures are in, and subject to Treasury consent, a final is to be paid. There will also he a dividendscrip option.

Pilkington-St Gobain venture postponed

Plans of British glassmaker Pilkington Brothers for a £29m floot glass plant in Sweden to be huilt at Halmistad received a setback yesterdey with news that negotiations with Saint-Gohain-Pont-a-Mousson, its



Norton: Indications of a record year.

French rival, had been broken off. According to company officials in Paris, St Gobain want to postpone the joint venture nntil 1980, essendally because of present economic difficulties. Meanwhile, it will continue to expand the activities of its Swedsh subsidiary, Emmaboda Glaswerke, and develop the produccion of double-glass windows for insulation.

World-wide St Gohain produces about 4,500 tonoes of float glass daily under licenca from Pilkington, hut produces none io Scandinavia.—Ageocies. French rival, had been broken

PAHANG CONSOLIDATED Company received subscriptions for 4.25m shares in response to its rights issue. Balance of about 3.71m shares (46 per cent) taken by uoderwriters.

W. CROWTHER W. CROWTHER
Pre-tax profits f445,000
(£432,000) for half-year are oot
strictly comparable because the
1973 period included three subsidiaries sold in April this year.
Net effect of these disposals io
full year would be to reduce profits
by £108,000. Company is in British
Land group.

BATLEYS OF YORKSHIRE
Interim pre-tax £91,000
(£112,000) with earnings 1.2p
(1.54p) a share. Dividend 1.04p

BRENTNALL BEARD Tarable profits for year, 1313,000 (against £359,000). Earnings a share are 8.11p (10.33p). Dividend is no from 3.88p to 4.36p gross.

Mining

Unicorp-a new factor emerges

Cape huying pushed the Union Corporation share price up another 14p to 464p yesterday—although the Gold Fields of South Africa bid, now worth about 500p, was the other major imperus.

major imperus.

It is now thought that the South African Murual insuraoce group bas recently raised its stake from 3.2 to about S per ceot of the Unicorp equity. With General Miniog with about 28 per ceot still opposed to the hid, and likely to remain so after the formal documents appear from GFSA, and with Charter Consolidated standing on the side lines with 10 per ceot, the Mutual could well have the decisive vote as to the otcome of the offer.

The annual statements from

The annual statements from the six Unicorp mines covering the nine months to eod-Septem-ber take a generally hullish line overall. Pride of place inevitably goes to the new Unisel mine where production is now expected to hegin in August, 1978. It is boped to improve productivity substantially hy increased mechanization in the stopes with experimental work now heing acrried out at St Helena.

Reserves at St Relena are Reserves at St Helena are now estimated at 13.3m tons with a grade of 12.8 g/t at a gold price of R3,500 kg (\$15502) compared with 11.5m last year when the grade was 14.9 g/t and calculated oo R2,000 kg (\$9802). The new reduction plant will involve expenditure of R22.5m, of R22.5m, of which R5.4m is attributable to processing Unisel production.

A warning, however, comes

A warning, however, comes from Leslie where it is stated that values exposed in the western portion of the lease have not been eocouraging. have not been eocouraging.
Unless there is a substantial improvement in the gold price the potential reserves of the mine can only be extended marginally. At current price, Leslie may have another five or six years' profitable life left. A further capital repayment of 10c will be made next year.

EMBER 18 1974 (בווי מי ועליסע Mitchell Cotts Group Limited 1973/74 Results



Chairman-Mr. J. K. Dick C.B.E., F.C.A.

£'000 over 1972/73 Profit before Interest 10,649 33% and Taxation 34% 9,147 Profit before Taxation 19% **Funds Employed** 53,298 Return on Funds 20% 12% Employed

Earnings per Ordinary Share

7.53 pence

Dividends per Ordinary Share

Interim—	0.656 pence
Proposed Final—	2.114 pence
Total for the year—	2.770 pence

Dividend Cover

2.65 times

Principal activities of the Mitchell Cotts Group Profit Contribution 40% Engineering 24% Agriculture 24% Transport, Shipping & Storage 6% Vehicle Distribution 6% Commodity Trading 100%



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& Union Corporation Group

GOLD MINING COMPANIES

WINKELHAAK MINES

Instruction to artisan aides, which began lest year, end e recently introduced programma of more advanced training for bleck team leaders shows signs of promise for the greater utilisation of the labour force in general, Partly es e result of this training end through a reorganisation of the distribution of labour employed on less essential operations, it was possible to increase the tonnaga milled despite a 10 per cent reduction in the underground labour strength.

If we are to use to best effects the edventage the higher gold price has brought us, cost increases will have to be kept to more manageable levels. In addition to our own efforts to increase productivity much will depend on the Government's efforts to combat inflation.

Although stope production has not been seriously effected by the shortage of labour, any further reduction in the numbers of workers will inevitably curtail production.

KINROSS MINES

The full effects of taxation and lease consideration were felt for the first time this year end these payments increased to R9.1 million. No. 2 Shaft has been complated to e depth of 733 metres below surface and should be completed in February 1976. The total cost of the shaft on completion is now estimated at R16 million. A borehole drilled as a pregrouting hole for No. 2 Shaft intersected the Kimberley Reef at e depth of 1,645.90 metres and 61.22 grams of gold per ton were assayed over a channel width of 53.1 centimetres yielding 3,251 centimetre grems. Although at this stege very little reef hes been exposed, development from No. 1 Shaft certied out in the vicinity of the sinking sheft, has

confirmed the borehole indications. As mentioned in previous reports, the estimated payable tonnege based on borehole evaluations in the new aree is not considered sufficient to warrant an Increase in tonnage milled. However, before any final assessment of the potential of the northern erea can be made, considerable development work will have to be

LESLIE GOLD MINES

The rate of development was decreased for the period under review as a result of the inclusion of previously demercated marginal grade blocks. However, results continue to be disappointing and values exposed in the western portion of the lease area have not been encouraging. For this reason end taking into eccount the substantial increase in working costs, it is considered that the potential reserves of the mine can only be marginally extended unlass a substantial increese in the gold price occurs. At the current prices we anticipate that the mine will still have enother five to six profitable years ahead of it

In view of this a further repayment of capital emounting to 10 cents per shere will be made to shareholders during the 1975 financial year.

Points made in the statements by the Chairmen Mr. E. Pavitt and Mr. L. W. P. van den Bosch

- * Average gold price received approximately R3,300 per kg (US \$147 per oz.)
- * Continuing Inflation emphasises gold's traditional role as store of value
- * Long term future for gold continues to be encouraging
- * Cost increases contained below industry average
- * Group placing emphasis on training schemes and better use of work force to combat cost increases and labour shortage

Results for the nine month financial period ended 30th September 1974 (compared with results for the previous twelve months)

Name of Company	Tons Milled '000	Gold produced . Kg.	Net Profit R*000	Dividends cents per share	Ore R Tons '000	value gms/ton
Bracken	771	6,375	5,687	51	2,500	9.0
	(1,038)	(10,139)	(5,108)	(31)	(1,800)	(12.3)
Kinross	1,168	8,404	9,920	50	8,500	8.2
	(1,506)	(12,258)	(13,237)	(46)	(6,500)	(10.0)
Leslie	1,092 (1,458)	5,75 4 (9,184)	4,233 (4,080)	32 * (19) *	4,200 (2,500)	6.5 (7.7)
St. Helena	1,708	19 ,478	20,258	230	13,3 00	12.8
	(2,311)	(29,364)	(17,638)	(130)	(11,500)	(14.9)
Winkelhaak	1,530	11,578	10 ,184	94	10,000	9.0
	(1,930)	(16,370)	(9,177)	(48)	(7,500)	(10.2)
Ore Reserves calculated	at a gold price of :		R3,500 per k R2,000 per k	_		

Copies of the full reports of the gold mining companies (all of which are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) for the nine months ended 30th September 1974 are available from the London Secretaries, Union Corporation (U.K.) Limited, 95 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7BS.

* Includes 10 cents capital repayment

At the higher gold prices it was possible to decrease the rate of development and by including a number of previously marginal blocks, maintain the level of ore reserves. In the northern areas and in the area under option on the farm Witkleifontein in the far north, where development has been concentrated, low values have continuad to be exposed. For this reason and taking into account the substantial increase in working costs, it is considered that the potential ore reserves will only be marginally extanded by the recent increases in the gold price. As such, we anticipate that the mine will still have another seven to nine years of production.

ST. HELENA GOLD MINES LIMITED

Praparations are being made at No. 8 Shaft to develop a drive on 18 Level into the Ongegund area to investigate the values disclosed by earlier surface drilling. In my statement last year, I mentioned that considera-

tion was being given to the replacement of the existing reduction works which is proving expensive to operate and maintain after having been in operation for 23 years. A decision has been reached to go ahead with the construction of a new reduction works at an estimated cost of R22.5 million of which some R5.4 million is attributable to capacity to meet the requirements of an agreement entered into with Unisel Gold Mines Limited. The programme is scheduled for completion

Together with expenditure to be incurred under the egreement with Unisel, your Company will be involved over four years in the financing of capital works to the extent of an estimated R26.4 million. This figure assumes a cost escalation of 15 per cent per annum. The bulk of this financing will be internally generated through amounts already transferred to reserves and the deferment of taxation. A sum of R3 million has also been raised from the National Finance Corporation. It is anticipated that dividend distributions will not be inhibited es a result of the capital expenditure pro-

UNISEL GOLD MINES LIMITED

A start was made in August of this year on the shaft collar excavation and the construction of the headgear and winder foundations. Preparatory work for the construction of the road and rail facilities from St. Helena mine are also underway. All preliminary work and pregrouting of the shaft site is on schedule and it is expected that full scale sinking of the shaft will commence in the second quarter of 1975.

In planning the mine, due attention is being given to opportunities for mechanisation, thereby increasing productive output per men. Experiments, to find a way of achieving improved machanisation in the stopes, are being carried out on a Union Corporation group mine.

In the Consulting Engineers' report which eccompanied the prospectus, it was stated that provided no unforeseen difficulties arose, the shaft would be completed eerly in 1977. Underground development and stope preparation should take a further eighteen months, during which time trial milling will be cerried out. On these estimates, tha mine will be brought into production by August 1978.

BRITISH EMPIRE SECURITIES AND GENERAL TRUST LIMITED

The Eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting of British Empire Securities and General Trust Limited was held on 17th December, 1974, in Londoo. The following is the statement by R. P. Laurie, the Chairman, which has been circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1974:-

Despite the fact that thanks largely to take-over bids and redemptions, your company has beoefited from substantial capital profits during the exceptionally difficult year under review the value of our securities has regrettably fallen by some 40.6 per cent. This compares with a fall of 55 per cent in the Financial Times Index over the same

The net asset value of our Shares at the year end was 7.2p per share.

Our revenue, however, has shown a satisfactory in-crease and your Directors bave at least been able to fulfil the sim of increasing shareholders' income by raising the total dividend for the year to 0.50p per share. Provided that the economic crisis facing the country does not degenerate into chaos, they feel reasonably coofident that this level can be maintained in the current year.

The two large holdings of Treasury Stock in the list of the twenty-four largest holdings provide for the redemption of our debenzure stocks on their due dates.

I referred a year ago to the approaching oecessity for the people of this country to face the straight choice between capital sm or a corporate state. Be it by choice or by default we are now at the mercy of politicians who, while paving lip service to a mixed economy, openly threaten the ability to save and the fruits of investment to the individual, and advocate state control and regimeotation under the banner of social justice. There will oo doubt he at worst ooe more chaoce for the final choice to he taken; let us hope that it

Tricoville

Design and marketing of fashionwear

Highlights from the statement by the chairman Mr. D. A. Jacobs FCA, for the year to 19 July 1974

- Thirteen years of unbroken sales and profit growth New premises can double present through put
- Further growth in sales and profits expected
- Pre-tax profit up 15%

Comparative statistics	1974 £000's	1973 £000's	1972 £000's
Turnover	3,282	2,653	1,778
Profit befora taxation	296	256	181
Issued capital and reservés	517	400	282
Earnings per share	8.05p	8.03p	5.98p

A copy of the report and accounts is available from: The Secretary, Tricoville Limited 91-93 Great Portland Street, London W1N 60P



SATISFACTORY RESULTS

★ Profits Up £30,000 to £794,967 ★ Final Dividend-14-895% (maximum) * Earnings per share 6-6p up from 6-1p

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Montague L Meyer Limited Interim Report

UNAUDITED GROUP RESULTS

	ended 30th September 1974 £'000	ended 30th Seplember 1873 5'000	Year ended 31st March 1974 £'000
TURNOVER	73.000	64,000	142,000
TRADING PROFIT	7,795 (787) (2,723)	9,504 (578) (902)	18,919 (1,343) (3,005) (1,512)
Investment Income Share of Profits of Associated Companies*	4,285 5	8,024 25	11.059 27 1,738
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	4,29 0 (2,301)	8.049 (4.541)	12,824 (8,684)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION Minority Interasta Extraordinary Item**	1.989 (163) (179)	3.508 (105)	6,140 (151)
PROFIT AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	£1,647	£3,403	25.989
 Attributable profits of Associated 	Companies	are not in	cluded at

tha half year.

" Arising on re-alignment of the Australian dollar.

In the first half of the current financial yaar gross profits wara in line with the reduced percentaga lavel parmitted undar tha Prica regulations, but nat profits wera dapressed by increased interest charges. A direct comparison with the first six months of the previous financial year ahould make allowance for the fact that Group prolits were than in axcess of the levels permitted. a eituation which was aub-sequently corrected by giving discounts to customars.

Slocks have been valuad with proper regard to merket conditions.

second half of tha financiel year turnover and profits ara likely to show soma reduction. However, stocks are being standily reduced, forward purchase commitments ara light, and the Group will be a major heneficiary of the Budgat proposale whereby paymant of corporation tax will be daferred. As a result borrowings and interest charges, which are already

show a further

The Group has tha resources to benafit from the expected revival in low. cost housing construction.

Tha dividends on the Preterence and Preierred Ordinary Shares for the pariod absorb \$5,000 (1973 £5,000). The Board has daclared an interim dividend of 0.9p per share (1973 0.7p) on the Ordinary Share Capital, which will absorb £368,000 (1973 £288,000). It is anticipated that tha final dividend for the year ending 31st Merch 1975 will be 1.08p per ahare, making a total of 1.98p per share, which is the maximum permittad under the

current regulations. Tha intarim dividend will be paid on 7th February to holdars on the Register on 10th January

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Jump of 24pc by Pleasurama

company, which last year made a loss) taxable profits of Pleesurama have jumped 24 per cent to £650,000—a oew record. The sbares rose 2 points to 23p on the news.

Turnover for the year to September 30 rose from £3.2m to £3.7m. Net profits rose from £220,000 to £313,000, while the board is raising the final from 1.06p to 1.32p gross, giving a total for the year of 2.32p, against 2.06p. A dividend scrip option is proposed. Earnings e

share are 5.1p, against 3.6p.
During the year, the board reports that the company's four bingo halls and a small hotel were sold in Scotland, because they were making a poor return Sioce October 1, the group has contracted to acquire small casinos in Glasgow, Portsmouth and Southampton for a total consideration of £71,000. This will bring the number of casinos

Confidence at Central Mfg

As long as Central Manufac-turing & Trading maintains a "firm grasp" of its objectives for carefully planned growth and adheres to the guidelines it has established, there is "little doubt" the company will realize better than average sales and

Company (and par values) Batleys of Yorks (10p) Int Brentnall Beard (10p) Fin

Brentnall Beard (10p) Fin Brit Oxygen (25p) Fin Brumner Inv (25p) Fin Centremay (10p) Int Cooper Inds (10p) Int Cranleigh & Co (5p) Int Greenal Whittey (25p) Fin Imp Cont Gas (£1) Int Keystone Inv (50p) Fin Lindsay & Williams

Marley (25p) Int Moot L. Meyer (25p) Int W. E. Nortoo (5p) Int Pleasurama (5p) Fin

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STRAICHTS

Current trading is at a higher level but a forecast is "almost

De Wendel has 15 pc of Firminy

De Wendel steel group, which had built up a stake between 10 and 11 per cent, bought a further 75,000 Marine Firming shares at prices between 156 and 160 francs oo December 13. This means it now owns about 15 per cent of Marine, excluding any further purmade yesterday.chases

Wearra cuts payout

Although turnover for the year to September 30 is ahead from £4.9m to £5.1m, taxable profits are down from a record £381,000 to £141,000. On retained profits of £19,000, against £157,000, the dividend is cut from 1.89p to 1.42p gross.
Interim profits declined from £205,000 to £104,000, while the second-half coorribated only £37,000, against £176,000.

Healey Motor sale

Latest dividends

2.18

1.87

0.49†

1.07 1.69

3 3.78

0.37 1.06 0.81

1.49 0.12 1.35

0.45 1.32 0.56

78', 89 87 86 88',

80

Rothmans Int (123p) Int 0.56 0.81 30.

Samuel Props (25p) Fin 0.24 2.35† 14,

Wheeler's Resignits (10p) Int 2.2 2 13,

† Adjusted for scrip. * Forecast. \$ Total to date

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

79

1/4

1/4

24/2

30/1

<u>13/1</u>

Alt divdends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Designer of the Healey range of cars, Mr Donald Healey, has sold his company, Donald sold

Year's Prev

3.68 3.88 3.15 3.25 2.5 0.94† 1.07 2.69 9.05 5.28

4.13 2.63 0.87 2.06 1.70 3.6†

total

4.36

3.62

2.97

5.97

2.98§ 4.25 2.97*

2.32

1.49

Including a cootribution of earnings growth, Mr Norman Healey Motor Co, to Midlands £232,000 from an associated Hickman, chairman, writes in leisure group Hamblin, which company, which last year made bis review. in the region. Mr Geoffrey Healey, son of Mr Donald Healey, and a diractor of Jensen, said the chief interest of both his father and self was the design and engineering of motor cars, on which they would concentrate.

Samuel Props profit and dividend down

After an interest charge which soured from £1.13m to £2.76m pre-tax profit of Samuel Properties, the developer which earlier this year became one of the first British groups to undertake a major letting in 124 per cent which, as things Germany, was almost halved from £1.81m to £948,000 last term. The fioal dividend is cut from an adjusted 2.35p to 0.24p He points out, thou

After a rather lower tax charge of £648,000 and a transfer from capital reserves of £394,000 (£153,000) relating to development properties, the profit available for the dividend is cut from £1.18m to £690,000. Earnings are down from 4.25p

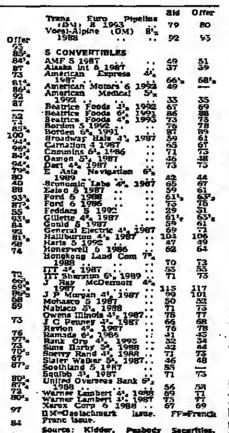
At balfway the company had been slightly ahead at £1.1m (£1.04m) pre-tax, (£1.04m)

British Tar's

ing £237,000 by a one-for-four rights issue at 11p. The pro-ceeds will be used to build new plant for producing chlorinated organic intermediate chemicals.

The company has obtained Treasury approval to double its dividends this year to 2p, which gives a yield of 18.2 per cent at the rights issue price. The shares closed steady yesterday

BTP's first-half profits rose from £270,000 to £573,000 and the directors are forecasting



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forecast at Mitchell Cotts

Mr J. K. Dick, chairman of the Mitchell Cotts Group, forecasts in his statement it can be reasonably expected that the net profit for the current period will turn out to be between the 1973 and 1974 figures. The respective attributable figures were £2.95m and £3.68m.

Further, he says, if this proves to be a fairly accurate forecast the board feels the mtal dividend should be raised by the maximum amount of stand, would increase the total

He points out, though, that in a company such as Mitchell Cotts there are whole areas where the most careful appraisals can still prove to be wide of the mark. In some divisions there can be a close approximation of what results will be. But in other, and usually more important fields, there are political, economic and commercial imponderables which make the task inevitably

full-year profits in excess of fim, compared to £758,000 last

Local Authorities

The coupon on local authority yearling bonds has risen from 14½ per cent m 14½ per cent this week with an issue price of

Aothorities making issues included: Rochdale, Lerwick, Lichfield, Cumbernauld, Der-wentside, Malvern Hills, Arfon, Chester, Derby, Forest Heath, Newport, Southampton, Edin-burgh, Peebles, Camden, Clackmannan Hart.

Norsk Hydro loan

Norsk Hydro AS, the energy, chemical and aluminium pro-ducer which is 51 per cent owned by the Norwegian Government, is seeking a \$200m, eight-year bank loan,

The loan is unusual in that the borrower itself is syndicating the loan among relationship banks rather than having its bankers arrange the syndication. The agent for the loan is Chase Manbattan in London.

Norsk Hydro is believed to be offering to pay 1.5 points above London interbank offering rates for Eurodollars for the loan. In addition it will pay a management fee.

British Investment Trust: of the original loan of Sw.Fr. 30m stranged in June, 1972, for a period of five years, the out-standing balance of Sw.Fr 20m was finally repaid last week.

The authorised capital of the British Bank of the Middle East bas been increased to £15m by the creation of 10m new shares of £1 each. All the shares have been allotted for cash, at par, to the parent company, the Hongkong and Sbanghai Banking Corporation.

Wheeler's up 60 pc

Picking up from last term's slump profits of Wheeler's Restaurants spurted 60 per cent to £180,000 pre-tax in the balf-year to September 30, and the dividend goes up from 2p to 2.2p.

Some decline Stock markets

Good rises in golds

Stock markets bad another coming from the Continent comfortable session yesterday, the United States. helped again by a relaxation of tensions to the foreigo exchange centres. There was considerable activity on the gold mining Steyn (£19) and Western H. pitches after London bullion quotations had riseo strongly behind the agreement by France and the United States that countries might upvalue official gold holdings to current market prices. But turnover in both gilts and equities remained rela-

tively light. The FT index extended its recovery from recent "lows" to close 3.4 up at 159.2 Racorded bargains for equities fell to a mere 4,940—while amplified figures for Monday disclosed a money total of only £28.7m.

Attention in the gilt-edged market yesterday moved from the short-dated stocks to the "long end" of the list. In the wake of a good advance

in "shorts" over the last two working days, steady and per-sistent demand was seen for "mediums" and "longs", with gains of 2 point common. In

gains of ‡ point common. In many cases, prices closed at the day's best levels. Turnover was described by one jobher as "fair to good". Meanwhile, after a firm open-ing, short-dated stocks ran into profit-taking and inched back to about over-night levels, where they closed after standy. they closed after steady twoway trading.
Dealers said that turnover

in this sector was lower than in the last two sessions. The shortdated "tap" was not operative.
Gold shares opened with gains
of about £1, after overnight
communiques from the Marcinique meering of Presidents Ford and Giscard d'Estaing. But profit-takers quickly moved in end rises were cut back. Then

Closing prices—the best the session—showed gams of to £1.50 in FS Geduld (£26) ings (351). Also higher w Unisel (305p), Western Au (630p) and AA Corp (328p

The Franco-American acc on oil price policies helped major oil sbares. Confirma of higher petrol prices 1 week had little effect beck the news had been widely pected. BP (210p) closed up, but gains io Burmah (103p) and Shell (133p) v

Turnover in the indust shares was light. Lighthea: interest was shown in "issue" of "weevil badges' a member of a leading job! firm. After opening at 10p, badges commanded prices 20p and 25p, with turnover lieved to range to around of the 1.000 badges avails Mr Wilson referred to s-City operators as "weevils' a speech at the Labour P:
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as at least one broker o mented-closed unchanged their low of 64p ahead of day's preiminary results.

The international favour like ICI (123p), Unite (170p), Glaxo Holdings (19 and Courteulds (57p) all o

aged minor gains. Disappointing results fi Rothmans International the shares unchanged at 1

after thin turnover. Equity turnover on Decem 16, £28.7m (9,827 bargain Active stocks vesterday according to Exchange Telegraph, C Goldfields, Burmah Oil, B BP, Shell, GEC, ICI, Ur came a 56 rise in gold at the Goldfields, Burmah Oil, B London fixing and share prices BP, Shell. GEC. ICI. Ur soared afresh, with demand Corp, GKN, Commercial Un-

WHARF MILL FURNISHERS LTD.

(previously Plushpile (Wharf Mill) Ltd.) INTERIM REPORT

The unaudited trading results for the 26 weeks ended 30th September, 1974 are:

6 months to 6 months to Year to 30th Sept. 30th Sept. 31st March 1973 1974 £000 1,289 £,000 €0000 Turnover 630 112 61 Profits Taxation 21 Net profit after taxation 1.34p 1.59p Earnings per share

Interim Dividend It is the intention of the Directors to pay the maximum dividend for 1974 permitted by present legislation. They have declared an Interim Dividend on the Ordinary Shares for the year ending 31st March 1975 of 0.514p per share to Shareholders on the register on 10th January 1975. With the related tax credit this divideod is equivalent to 0.7671 per share compared with 0.731p per share interim paid las

The shares will become ex-dividend oo 27th December 1974

The last date for lodging transfers is 10th Jaouary 1975 and the dividend will be paid on 10th February 1975. General Comment

General Comment

The results for the balf year iodicated above are coo sidered reasonably satisfactory taking into account not only the general economic position but also specific matters which relate to your Company in particular. In this context I refer especially to substantial works of reconstruction and road works which have inhibited trading to our maio unit

at Ashton-u-Lyne.

Modest expansion plans for your Company are in hanc through our Scottish subsidiary, Hays of Ioverness Limited as I indicated in my last Chairmao's Statement and it is anticipated that an additional small unit will come on stream within the next three months. Attention has been directed towards improving liquidity and to this end the policy has been successful to the extent that the contemplated expansion of trading can comfortably be contained within existing.

Your Company's emphasis continues to he that of preserving its existing business, improving profitability per square foot and expanding through new outlets as and when the liquidity allows.

Your Company has experienced improved trading conditions since the half year and should these conditions continue until March, the second half should show a considerable improvement.

A. F. LOMAS, Chairman

S. SIMPSON LIMITED

The 41st Annual General Meeting of S. Simpson Limited was held 17th Dacember in London, Dr. S. L. Simpson, Chairman, presidu The following ara axtracts from his circulated statement. Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd has done well in adverse circumstance

hut the manufacturing companies have faced more difficult condition My interim statement intimated the adverse affects of the fuel cris. which continued into the aecond half of the year, and regretted t impact of an increase in corporation tax and restrictiva profit margi

In spite of an increased turnover, the manufacturing companial ware unable to compensate adequately for the diaruption of its pariod because their financial recovery phase was impeded pariod because their financial recovery phase was impered increased wages, fuel costs. transport and general overheeds in pariod because taken at period of price restrictions and advance seasonal orders taken a On the encouraging side, axport orders for DAKS-Simpson 1

increased from 11.5 to 21.4 par cent of turnover and our reputation. for quality clothing in this country and abroad remains hig-Manufacturing undar licence in USA has devaloped and has racent been extended from OAKS Trousers to the whole range of DAI: Clothing. Trading undar licence in Japan has mada some progre and we hope to activate this area further.

The invertere Coat Co. Ltd has increased its exports in markats; although a high percentage of its output of specially stylingarmenta is exported to USA and Canada, during the past year has shown its greatest percentage growth in the European mark."

Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd achieved its planned turnover and control on operational expenses, but was adversely affacted to statutory prica control which applied throughout tha year and avmore so from 6th May, whan a furthar 10 per cent reduction in gros profit margina was imposed. Thera was noticeable sustained succe with ovarseaa visitors and an increasing voluma of trading with the youngar age groups, both in Trend for Men end in the Boutique ar.

Major Alfred Huskisson. OBE, MC, relires from the Board at the age of 82, aftar 34 years service, having hald Offices of Managir Director and Deputy Chairman in both S, Simpson Ltd and Simpso Director and Deputy Chairman in both S. Simpson Ltd and Simpson (Plecadilly) Ltd. Mr J. D. Freedman, FCA, was appointed to the Board of Directors on 1at August 1974.

We have now antered another difficult year in complete inflationary circumstances, but subject to Government recognition than eeds of industry for realistic profitability, together with mo stable labour costs and less onerous taxation wa baliava, we ca move forward to progressive achiavement at home and abroad.

Foreign Exchange Dollar declines

The dollar fell to its weakest The dollar fell to its weakest ever against Swiss francs and German marks on foreign exchanges yesterday. The pound tumbled with it, and its devaluation against the world's major currencies worsened to 21.6 from last night's 21.1 per cent. However, sterling improved against the dollar to \$2.3345 from \$2.3295

overnight.

Foreign exchange dealers said the dollar's decline began in New York overnight and was continued in London. Swiss "window dressing" operations were tending to depress the American curreocy as the Swiss central bank falled to provide enough behind the-market swaps to satisfy the demand for francs for the year end.

Gold also exerted further down-Gotd also exerted further down ward pressure. The Franco-American gold re-

serves agreement was viewed as a considerable compromise for the United States, and the resulting leap on bullion markers had further undermined the dollar. Sterling, despite reassuring Sterling, despite reassuring statements that the Arabs would step up investments to Britain, failed to match the performance of the European currencies against the dollar.

Discount market The Bank of England offset a

liquidity sbortage in the discount market yesterday by purchasing a moderate amount of Treasury Bills directly from discount houses, market sources said.

The market opened with bank balances run down from overnight and later further mooey was drained from the market by net take up of Treasury bills, an outflow of notes and settlemeots of official gitt sales. However, an excess of gilt disbursements over excess of gift dispursements over Exchequar receipts acted to pump funds into the market. The com-bination of the disbursements which were larger than expected, and the Ceotral Bank assistance acted to drive secured call toan rates down to between 6 per cent and 8 per cent at the close from between 9 and 10! at the opening. It is thought the market closed with a surplus to be called forward overnight.

ATTOCK OIL
Group profit for half to June
30 £149,000 (£179,000). LDN MULTINATIONAL BANK Profit in fourth year rose 11 per cent to £1,62m pre-tax. Total assets

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New York, Dec 17.—Wall Street stocks were mostly higher, reversing a small initial decline. By moon the Dow Jooes industrial average was 3.28 up at 590.11.

IBM gained \$2\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$167\frac{1}{2}\$, while Zerox and Burrough's added fractions. Motors and steels were narrowly mixed while golds rose as much as \$3 on the jump in the bullion price. bullion price.

Du Pont and Eastman Kodak edged higher.

Yesterday the Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.94 to 586.83.

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And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court siting et the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, Lopdon on the 20th day of January 1975; and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company destrous to support or oppose the making of an Order of the Said Company destrous to support or oppose the said court of the Petition will be lumished by the undersigned to ony Creditor or Contribuility of the said Company requiring such copies or payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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Among Arab countries Tunisia is probably the one with which Britons feel most familiar.

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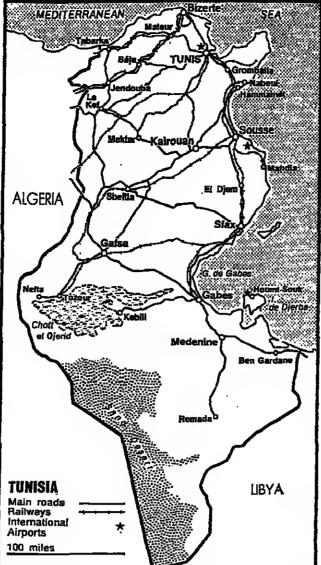
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Maghreb policy stagnant

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Against its wishes Tunisia found itself thrust into the limelight of Middle East publics last month with the hijacking of the independent and British VC10. Accepting the of European count four commandos, and their the signs of it ar seven comrades releasen The price of olive o seven comrades released The price of olive of from jails in Cairo and The ple commodity in Hague, was an embarrassing has risen by 50 p outcome for the Govern and the higher cost ment and it was no doubt tal imports from relieved to get rid of them. hized countries, w

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was worried also the lack of control activities connected tourism. He cited the

The costs rise by 40 per cent

Another weakness of the industry is the lack of cooperation between botel keep-ers, which allows foreign four operators to drive a bargain with individual hotels. Prices are attracti-vely low for the tourist, but in many cases fail to cover the hotelkeepers' costs. On Djerba, basic prices have not risen for the past four seasons, a period in which costs had risen by 40 per

When a Briton can have a vinter week in Tunisia for £38 or a German two weeks for just over £100, air fares included, the sum receive hy the boteliers is hardly enough to cover the cost of let alone pay their staff a decent wage. A Tuni sian tourist official said hoteliers tried to make up on extras such as hairdress ing and mechoui (roast lamb) parties.

In a country where lack of work is the main prob-

lem, the Government has welcomed tourism for the jobs it provides. However, the creation of permanent employment for nearly 30,000 people bas been achieved at a cost—to the botel-keeper and also to the tourists themselves. Dierba, for example, has 8,000 hotel beds, but an alarming dearth of doctors for its large seasonal population. I is time that prices were taised to a realistic leve

use features of local architecture and, with one exception, do not intrude on the
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The British Bank ofthe case of an Englishman who

bought a carpet in Kairouan and asked for it to be sent on to him. When it arrived in London he found that it was not the same carpet. The tourist may have been satisfied with his hotel, the weather and the beach, but an incident of this kind leaves a sour taste and dissuades him from returning

Tunisia says "Marhaba

A tapestry of shimmering golden beaches and quiet blue-green bays; of vast Roman amphitheatres and towering mosques etched into an azure sky; of the silent. forbidding Sahara and labyrinthine, bustling souths; of Bedouin mud huts and gracefully sculpted hotels: of gardens terraces and avenues laden with the scents of jasmine and oleander, and a people as welcoming as the mediterranean sun which greets their visitors all year round.















There's another side to



70, Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Tunis.





With steadily mounting and ambitious but realistic lans for industrial expanion and diversification, the mulook for the Tunisian conomy looks excellent. The onfideoce with which both rivate businessmen and pvernment planneers in mis can look to the future; a recent phenomenon.

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by Godfrey Morrison phates and olive oil, an editor, Africa Confidential important agricultural

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Government mainly for polised Mr Anmed Ben Salah, Government mainly for polio was then the extremely verful Finance, Planning tical and social reasons—to preserve the jobs of about 12,000 people—but at the new prices the whole industry has become a major community took a sbarp turn ponent of the country's export earnings.



The mosque of Sidi Bou Makhlouf at El Kef, western Tunisia.

has said that a main aim the Tunisians and the Morocof the 1972 law was to encans found these arrange able Tunisia "to import ments unsatisfactory and of work rather than exporting little value.

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to trade preferences and quotas, but would also in-clude an aid package. This The current four-year plan (1973-76) views the manufacturing iodustry as the main source of new jobs, even though the acceleration of industrialization is a recent phenomenon. A recent survey reported that investment in the manufacturing industry approved in 1973 totalled D134m, against D50m in 1972 and only D25m in 1971.

quotas, bur would also include an aid package. This will come in fruition and in addition there will be measures to boost scientific and technical cooperation and encourage private interment in the Maghreb. Most significant of all, there will be measures in encourage industrial development in the three Maghreb countries so that they can take advantage of their privileged access rights to the EEC. D50m in 1972 D25m in 1971. access rights to the EEC.
Tunisis, the most culturally
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states, should be ideologically and educationally well-

Provided world economic conditions do not get out of hand, there seems in be a good chance that Tunisia will and educationally well-huild up a profitable indusplaced to take advantage of the situation. encouragement oow given to foreign investors and the favourable status Tunisia will enjoy in its reletions with the European Economic Com-

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manpower the Government bas introduced manual work into the timetable for the last two years of primary schooling. It bopes thereby to overcome a widespread aversion to working with the hands and to provide the basis for subsequent technical training.

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At Sidi Thebet, m the north-west of Tunis, the children do two hours of Ar Sidi Thebet, m the horthwest of Tunis, the children do two hours of horsiculture a week. During my visit they were preparing ground for potatoes, planting beetnot and picking menderin nranges. Each class has its own plot of land. The pupils have sold peppers in the wisage market and oranges to the staff and the school kitchen.

The head mistress said that parents had been reluctant at first shout the scheme but were now keen on it. Not surprisingly, the children seemed quite bappy m be out in the surprisingly the children seemed quite bappy m be out in the surprisingly related to those rather than string in a classroom.

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"Mr Guiga said that 24,000 primary outpils were doing manual work this year and that by 1980 all primary schoolchildren working for the scheme told me that he would like to see some form Faculty of Letters of Tunis

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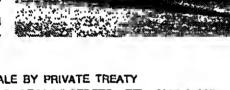
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